

**FREE**

calls and texts to  
mobiles on our  
network  
see pp 10, 16, 19, 20



# THE PORTUGAL News

Portugal's National Newspaper in English

11 Dec 2010 • Edition N° 1091 • €1.50 inc. IVA • Publisher: Paul Allen-Luckman • Editor: Brendan de Beer • [www.theportugalnews.com](http://www.theportugalnews.com)

**PUZZLE PAGE**

on P. 34 - Sudoku  
Prize Crossword  
Spot the Difference  
Codeword  
Word Search

**Medics find dead bodies in old people's home**  
INEM emergency medics called out this week on Tuesday to assist an elderly lady who had suffered a heart attack at an old people's home in Costa da Caparica. Almada were shocked to find three dead bodies of elderly people at the property, which social security representatives admitted they knew was operating clandestinely. (See Page 4)

**Police confirm surge in car park handbag thefts**  
Police have confirmed that since this summer, "more than thirty" people have reported possessions being stolen from their vehicles as part of a deceptive 'directions' scam, carried out in broad daylight in supermarket and hypermarket car parks across the region. (See Page 6)

**Portuguese students achieve record results in OECD education study**  
Portugal has made strong progress in education, approaching the average ranking in the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment for the first time, according to a study released earlier this week. (See Page 8)

**EU ban on ecstasy-like drug on sale in Portugal**  
The European Union's 27 Justice Ministers have agreed to ban a dangerous ecstasy-like drug that is still legal in 12 EU countries, including here in Portugal. (See Page 17)

**Weekend weather**  
**Lisbon:** The rain of late will be forgotten as a bright start to the weekend has been forecast. Temperatures will be mild for much of the coming seven days, though more rain is expected from next Wednesday evening onwards. **Algarve:** Despite a clear start to the weekend, clouds will return on Saturday and remain for much of next week, with rain predicted to return by Tuesday evening. **North:** The North will need to make the best of a dry start to the weekend, as rain will return on Tuesday and last through until at least next weekend.



## Back to basics for tourism in the Algarve as Brits are made the priority for 2011

# ALGARVE TARGETS UK MARKET

Full story, see p. 2



Back in 2007, Portugal launched a publicity campaign in London - in Harrods, on taxis and in tube stations. (Photo: Lusa)

Copyright ©2005 Anglo Press Lda. *The Portugal News* is part of the Portugal News Group established 1977. Depósito Legal Nº 80258/94

## Contacts

**Postal Address:** Apt 13 • 8401-901 • Lagoa

**Courier:** Rua Município de S. Domingos • Urb. Lagoa Sol • Lote 3 r/c • 8400-415 Lagoa

**Tel:** 707 500 655 (+351 282 341 100)

**Newdesk:** 707 500 655 (+351 282 380 313)

**Sales:** 707 500 677 (+351 282 380 310)

**Classified:** 707 500 646 (+351 282 380 315)

**Fax:** Gen 707 941 201 (+351 282 341 201)

**Fax:** Sales: 707 942 053 (+351 282 352 053)

**Email:** info@theportugalnews.com sales@theportugalnews.com

**Web:** www.theportugalnews.com

## Print &amp; Distribution

**Printers:** MIRANDELA Gráfica, Lisbon

**Tiragem:** 20,706 copies this week

**Distributors:** VASP



audited circulation

## Production

**Publisher:** Paul Luckman • publisher@theportugalnews.com

**Editor:** Brendan de Beer • newsdesk@theportugalnews.com

**Production:** Madeline Luckman • copy@theportugalnews.com

**Journalists:** Carrie-Marie Bratley

Eloise Walton

**Photos:** LUSA • Press Association • Portugal News

## Sales Team

**Bella Talhadas** 914 393 736 • 707 500 677

Sales Manager

**Marilyn Holmes** 914 863 604

Area Manager

**Tom Chapman** 912 583 188

Area Manager

**Debbie Santos** 919 421 869

Area Manager

**Angela Bell** 938 344 920

Area Manager

**Steve Goodwin** 938 384 829

Area Manager

**Sales Administrator** 916 643 236 (Sónia Seixas)

[www.theportugalnews.com](http://www.theportugalnews.com)

click on these icons at  
[www.theportugalnews.com](http://www.theportugalnews.com)

NEWS ONLINE

Add your events

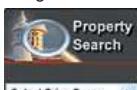


Event  
Calendar

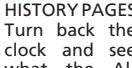
add YOUR event  
or see what's on



TRAVEL PAGE  
Airline links,  
Travel news, Live  
arrival and  
departures,  
On-line tickets.



Property  
Search  
Select Price Range  
Submit



HISTORY PAGES  
Turn back the  
clock and see  
what the Algarve  
was like  
20-30 years ago.

PRO P E R T Y  
SEARCH  
Hundreds of  
properties to see,  
classified by Price  
Range.



FAN PAGE



twitter

## Support

**Accounts:** Gaby Rodrigues

**Subscriptions:** Samantha Hoather

## Subscriptions

52 editions of *The Portugal News*, cost €67.50 (Portugal), €135 (Europe) or €210 (World Airmail). Send your name and address plus cheque or credit card details to Apt 13, 8401-901 Lagoa or email [sam@theportugalnews.com](mailto:sam@theportugalnews.com). Queries, please call 707 500 655.

## Newsletters

To subscribe to our free weekly newsletters, sent by email every Friday please email [Becky@theportugalnews.com](mailto:Becky@theportugalnews.com)

## Disclaimer

Although we do everything possible to ensure the integrity and suitability of advertisements in *The Portugal News*, ANGLOPRESS Edições e Publicidade Lda, *The Portugal News*, its employees or representatives cannot accept any responsibility for claims made by advertisers in their publicity, and cannot become involved in any disputes or litigation, howsoever arising.

# Algarve targets UK market

In a move that has this week surprised observers, tourism officials in the Algarve have revealed their focus on emerging markets will be placed on the back-burner in 2011 as the region looks to consolidate its relationship with the United Kingdom - traditionally its biggest supplier of tourists and tourism-related revenue.

Despite 2010 on its way to becoming the best year on record in terms of profits generated in the Algarve through tourism, officials, concerned the economic recovery might be some time away, have opted to reinforce the status the region enjoys as one of British tourists' preferred destinations.

The move was announced this week in Faro where officials unveiled the results of this past year's Algarve regional entertainment and culture programme and its plans for 2011.

Contrasting the cutbacks suffered by most Government financed projects, Algarve will maintain its budget for next year. "Our continued support of this programme is not only for the good of tourism in the Algarve, but for tourism in Portugal as a whole", State Secretary for Tourism Bernardo Trindade told journalists at a Faro press conference this week.

The State Secretary was accompanied by the President of the Algarve Tourist Board (ERTA), Nuno Aires and the coordinator of the Algarve programme, Augusto Miranda.

In 2011, a new strategy is being put in place and will be known as "Algarve Nations". This concept is aimed at boosting relationships with major markets, with Britain selected as the priority for 2011.

"The UK will be the major focus next year", explained Augusto Miranda, adding that contacts have been made with London with a view to bringing *Phantom of the Opera* to the Algarve as just one area of the increased cooperation sought with Britain in 2011.

Algarve 2010 reported an increase of 55% in tourists in relation to the previous year, which can be explained by increased expenditure on promotion coupled with the fact that the programme this year included 95 events, spanning 11 months.

On the sidelines of the Algarve 2010 closing ceremony, State Secretary Trindade rein-



forced his statement made a week earlier that 2010 had been "very positive" and that the expectation for 2011 was that the German and British markets would recover.

Mr. Trindade also expressed the belief that the crisis could have positive effects for the Algarve as many Portuguese tourists will decide against spending their holidays abroad, instead opting for a cheaper vacation in the

south of the country.

However, positive news was already emerging from Britain this week, as bookings for holidays to escape the UK's big freeze were found to be up 65% year-on-year, according to [lowcostholidays.com](http://lowcostholidays.com), the online travel company, with traffic to the website up by 60% year-on-year since the snow first fell.

Matt Hall, Product Director at

[lowcostholidays.com](http://lowcostholidays.com) explained in a statement that "the cold weather has driven more customers to search for winter sun holidays with the Canaries and the Algarve offering the best value for money. Some holidaymakers are still looking to get away this Christmas and New Year in spite of the increased flight prices. Bookings for next summer are also helping customers to cope with the cold", he said.

## Controversial quarry closed, but leaves its mark

A large area of once beautiful countryside has been left completely defaced after a controversial quarry that until recently extracted stone from the spot was forced to close by the courts.

The location, in Cerro do Leiria, near Tavira (Eastern Algarve) has been left with large excavated craters, devoid of flora and in stark contrast to surrounding countryside.

All machinery has now been removed from the area.

Loulé's Fiscal Courts (TAFL) acted favourably in response to action instigated by residents of the Santa Catarina da Fonte do Bispo parish, to stop the quarry from

functioning.

While a license had been conceded by Tavira Town Hall for the excavations to take place, by managing company Tecnovia, following action from the residents, the courts passed an injunction in October to suspend all activities at the quarry as well as the license.

Two months after the decision was made the land is now quiet, but severely scarred.

In February this year residents of Santa Catarina da Fonte do Bispo, foreign and Portuguese, instigated action against the quarry that was located less than one kilometre from a popular bowling club.

It was also situated on REN

(National Ecological Reserve)-classified land, beneath which is believed to flow the Algarve's only aquifer, as well as being on the doorstep of several country-side villas, which in some cases literally overlooked the unattractive site.

Operations were given the green light in 2009 by Tavira Town Hall, then under the presidency of current Faro Mayor, Macário Correia.

A protest group, PROBAAL, was set up by the residents to organise several forms of action to try and stop the quarry's activities. This included protests outside the Town Hall in Tavira.

In what has been dubbed a 'David vs Goliath case', after al-

most a year of action, the residents have been victorious in their mission.

Commenting on the outcome, a local resident said "We fully expected the court to rule in favour of the Town Hall. It was a pleasant surprise to be proved wrong".

"This just goes to show that the Portuguese legal system does work and big businesses, local authorities and government agencies cannot just steam roller activities ignoring the impact on people's quality of life, or the impact on sensitive environmental areas.

"It greatly benefits Portugal's image abroad", it was concluded.

# Risk



**How much risk are you willing to accept when investing? Would you like a professional eye on your situation so that you are in a better position to invest in harmony with your attitude to risk?**

For one thing, risk management comprises clarification of risk appetite, for another risk diversification suitable to your situation. The object is to manage risk in the best possible way

on the basis of your expectations – and we can offer you several solutions.

Visit [jyskebank.gi/products](http://jyskebank.gi/products) or call an adviser direct.

**JYSKE BANK (GIBRALTAR) LTD.** - Private Banking  
76, Main Street • P.O. Box 143 • Gibraltar  
Tel. +350 200 72782 • Fax +350 200 76782  
[info@jyskebank.gi](mailto:info@jyskebank.gi) • [www.jyskebank.gi](http://www.jyskebank.gi)

Jyske Bank (Gibraltar) Ltd. is licensed by the Financial Services Commission, Licence No. FSC 001 00B. Services and products are not available to everybody, for instance not to residents of the US.

 **JYSKE BANK**  
PRIVATE BANKING

# Medics find bodies in old people's home



Police officers investigate the deaths of three people at a house in Charneca da Caparica in Almada on 7 December. (Photo: Lusa / João Relvas)

## 2010 among top-three hottest years since records began

This year was reportedly one of the hottest years in the world's history, since records began in 1850, according to the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).

This year the months of January through to October suffered average and overall temperature increases of 0.55 degrees and 0.11 degrees respectively, which is higher than the general comparative average, 14 degrees, calculated from records documented from 1961 to 1990.

Between January and October this year the highest overall temperature exceed other record peaks registered in 1998 and 2005 by 0.53 and 0.52 degrees respectively.

Despite no figures being available from November or December, as yet, preliminary data sug-

gests that temperatures have been similar to those registered in November 2005 and could mean that overall figures for 2010 are close to setting new records. On mainland Portugal the period from January to November 2010 is one of the seven hottest since 1931.

INEM emergency medics called out on Tuesday this week to assist an elderly lady who had suffered a heart attack at an old people's home in Caparica were shocked to find three dead bodies of elderly people at the property, which social security representatives have admitted they knew was operating clandestinely.

The property, in Charneca da Caparica was illicitly operating as an old persons' home, a situation officials say they were aware of. The proprietor had, according to reports, already been asked to close the home voluntarily. Following this week's findings the home has been closed by officials.

Edmundo Martinho, president of Social Security, said that at the home "did not pose imminent

risks to the immediate safety of its users" though "an intervention was being prepared."

When INEM medics arrived there on Tuesday this week to assist the elderly woman who went into cardiac arrest and subsequently died, they discovered three more bodies, two men and a woman, allegedly all over the age of 90. All three are believed to have died during Monday night

and had reportedly been prepared for their funerals. Sources said none of the bodies showed signs of neglect.

The medics alerted the GNR police who passed the case on to the PJ police. Investigations are ongoing.

Remaining elderly residents from the home, who were 13 in total, are in the process of being re-homed in other institutions.

## New rights for passengers travelling by water

The European Parliament and the Council have given their signature to a regulation that will enable passengers travelling by sea and by inland waterways to enjoy the same rights wherever they travel in the European Union.

Among these rights is the right to information or compensation in the case of delay or cancellation of a journey. In addition, the new rules also offer people with a disability or reduced mobility protection when travelling over water. The new regulation will complement existing rights for air and rail passengers.

Commission Vice-President Siim Kallas, responsible for transport, said: "People are entitled to enjoy the same levels of quality and safety wherever they travel within the European Union. I am very glad that after introducing rights for air and rail passengers, we are now also able to introduce similar rights for passengers travelling by water."

## Most councils charging maximum tax

The majority of municipalities in Portugal (176 out of 308) will next year be charging maximum council taxes (IMI), of 0.7 percent, it emerged this week.

Indeed in these are the country's two largest municipalities, Lisbon and Oporto, who's IMI taxes will remain unaltered, at 0.68 and 0.7 percent, respectively.

Of the 292 municipalities that have already decided what IMI tax they will be charging in 2011, 176 opted to charge the maximum of 0.7 percent.

In 2010, 175 elected the maximum option, while 119 decided to charge less than what was established by law.

Town Halls can choose IMI taxes ranging between 0.4 and 0.7 percent. Only 18 municipalities so far have said they will be going with the minimum option in 2011, amongst which are Anadia and Castelo de Paiva, both in Aveiro.

IMI tax is described as one of the most important sources of revenue for municipalities, though they started gradually falling in 2009.



ANGLICAN CHURCH IN ALMANCIL

10.30am • Holy Communion • ASCA • ALMANCIL with Adventurers and Creche

Priest in Charge : Fr. Joseph Wingo T: 309 402 783

Assistant Priest: Rev'd Jackie Nevill T: 914 781 453

Assistant Priest: Rev'd Paul Luckman T: 917 240 123

[info@allsaintsalgarve.org](mailto:info@allsaintsalgarve.org) • [www.all saintsalgarve.org](http://www.all saintsalgarve.org)

Please enquire about Baptism Services, Marriage Blessings, Funeral Services etc.

For directions, call 282 380 311 any time

**VIPCHAUFFEURS ALGARVE**

**AIRPORT TRANSFERS - GOLF TRANSFERS - TOURS**

Vale do Lobo 30 € Albufeira 40 € Carvoeiro 50 € Lagos 70 €

Dedicated vehicles .... no sharing!

[www.vipchauffeurs-algarve.com](http://www.vipchauffeurs-algarve.com)

Tel.: 00351 914 479 300

**overseas legal**

law offices

head office  
Av. de Berna - n° 46 - 4º Esq.  
1950-042 Lisboa  
phone (+351) 919 300 160  
fax (+351) 217 958 349  
email [legal@overseas.pt](mailto:legal@overseas.pt)  
website [www.overseas.pt](http://www.overseas.pt)

algarve office  
R. Município de São Domingos  
Lote 3 n/c 8400-415 Lagos  
fax (+351) 282 380 308

other office  
Central Portugal - Tomar

Call us to schedule a meeting.

Emergency Helpline  
(+351) 937 084 995



## THE SUPERMARKET OF CHOICE

As a family run supermarket business, we at Apolónia take pride in our work.

Our individual personal approach and wide choice across our vast range of over 30,000 products, incorporating both national and international brands, ensures superb quality and unparalleled service, representing true value for money.

So come and see for yourselves . . . TAKE A FRESH LOOK

**ALMANCIL STORE**  
Av. 5 de Outubro 271  
Almancil  
Tel 289 351 440  
37° 05' 32.65" N | 8° 02' 22.76" W

**GALÉ STORE (ALBUFEIRA)**  
Sítio Vale do Rabelho  
Guia  
Albufeira  
Tel 289 583 950  
37° 04' 57.49" N | 8° 18' 44.84" W

[www.apolonia.com](http://www.apolonia.com)

# Police confirm “more than thirty” car park handbag thefts

Carrie-Marie Bratley

Police this week confirmed that, since summer, “more than thirty” people have reported possessions being stolen from their vehicles as part of a deceptive ‘directions’ scam, carried out in broad daylight in supermarket and hypermarket car parks across the region.



A generic photo of a thief stealing a laptop from a car

**The Portugal News** first reported the scheme in July this year, when in the eight days leading up to July 17th at least three people—two from the Lagoa area and one from Vila do Bispo—were the victims of the carefully crafted scam.

Thefts have been reported in car parks belonging to Intermarché, Lidl and Aldi stores throughout the region, amongst others. In all incidents identical modi operandi are used to swipe belongings from unsuspecting victims’ vehicles.

The criminals are described as “a nice, young, foreign-looking couple”, who accost their victims in a car, asking for directions. Generally, duped individuals recounted, one of the couple brings out a map and then asks the victim to point out routes on it. While they are distracted, personal belongings such as handbags and other valuables are quietly removed from the victim’s vehicle by a third assailant.

Since July reports of the scams have been constant.

In August a 77-year-old long-term resident from Carvoeiro was victim to the ploy, and in the past two weeks a further two individuals contacted **The Portugal News** urging that readers be warned that the scams are still ongoing.

In a letter to **The Portugal**

**News** (see page 30), one foreign resident who recently became victim to the ploy and who asked to remain anonymous, queried, “I’m informed that it’s [the scams] quite a regular occurrence, so why the police can’t catch these people I don’t know!”

She too said she had been approached by “a young couple in a car with their window down” who were “of Eastern European appearance and she [the female] had a map on her knee.”

“They asked directions to Spain (...) I showed them on their map and off they went. (...) It wasn’t until I reached home that [I noticed] a third person had entered my car from the other side and taken my handbag.”

An email sent to **The Portugal News** urged “women to be on their guard when in supermarket car-parks”.

“I think many of us became aware of the problem in the summer when lone women taking their shopping to the car were stopped by seemingly decent people in a car and asked for directions. Being distracted they did not notice the theft of their handbags until it was too late.”

The email continued “It now seems that the same ploy is being used (I know personally of two victims in the last three weeks) on the winter visitors that missed the earlier warnings.

“Women really need to keep their bags strapped across them so there is no tendency to put them down either on the trolley or on the car seat from where they can be quickly stolen.”

The author of the email described the incidents as “a very distressing and costly situation.”

A police statement to **The Portugal News** confirmed “Diverse situations of thefts in supermarket car parks, across the Algarve, have been reported”, adding that “so far, more than thirty situations” had occurred.

“The GNR is investigating these cases and has already carried out several forms of action, which have had positive results, having already identified some people presumed to be the authors of these crimes.”

The GNR spokesperson further confirmed that “as a strategy, the authors of these crimes approach the victim to ask for directions, in most cases they bring out a map for the place or directions to be shown on with the aim of distracting the victim’s attention from their belongings, namely bags or wallets.”

“A second person, making the most of the victim’s distraction, takes their belongings and flees the location before the victim realises they were the target of a theft.”

The statement stressed “As a rule, they approach people who are alone, foreign, and of more advanced ages.”

**Vale d'Oliveiras**  
QUINTA RESORT & SPA

\*\*\*\*\*

**Christmas lunch**

25.12.2010

Chestnut soup with Bacon and Mushrooms

Norwegian smoked Salmon, fresh Herbs crème and Potato Salad or

Wild Pork Terrine served with Onion and Port Wine Compote

Darne of King Fish with Fennel jelly and Saffron Sauce or

Roast Turkey with traditional Vegetables and Chipolata Sausage and Red Currant Sauce

Log and Xmas pudding

**€27,50 (per person)**  
drinks not included

Vale d’Oliveiras Quinta Resort & Spa is the perfect venue for those looking for peace and tranquility during the festive days in December

*End the year in style*

## New Years dinner

31.12.2010

Gourmet menus at The Olive Tree restaurant starting from €75 per person

## New Years package

- Two nights accommodation in either Double or Family Suite;
  - Brunch on January 1st
  - Breakfast on January 2nd
  - Welcome drink upon arrival to the restaurant (31.12.10)
- One Gourmet menu (6 courses) on December 31st per person, including selected drinks;
  - One Glass of Champagne per person;
- One of the following experiences:
  - 1 Relaxing Massage 1 Personal Training session, 1 Green Fee;
  - Free use of the health Club facilities (indoor heated pool, sauna, Jacuzzi and fitness room)

**rates from €520**

(based on two adults)

Contact: [info@valedoliveiras.pt](mailto:info@valedoliveiras.pt)

Carvoeiro, Algarve

Tel: +351 282 380 560

[www.valedoliveirasresort.com](http://www.valedoliveirasresort.com)

# Mother suffocates newborn baby, avoids jail



A 39-year-old woman from Arcozelo, Vila Verde, who suffocated her newborn daughter and hid the body has avoided being sent to jail after courts sentenced her to a suspended prison sentence of two years and nine months.

Vila Verde Courts sentenced the woman, named as Rosa Fernandes, to two years in prison for infanticide and a further nine months for hiding the body. However the sentence was suspended taking into account that the woman reportedly 'regretted' the crime, confessed, and had no previous criminal record.

At the end of her sentence reading neither the woman nor her lawyer gave statements to journalists.

According to her confession in court, Rosa Fernandes suffocated her newborn baby daughter immediately after giving birth and was still suffering from la-

bour pains. She did it, allegedly, for being "very ashamed" about what her family and village neighbours would say, given that she didn't know who the father was.

She claimed she also feared that the child would be taken from her and placed into care, as had happened with her other six children. After committing the crime she put the newborn's body in a bowl and buried it in her backyard.

During the trial, Rosa Fernandes "cried with regret", reports recounted, and said "after having had so many children I could only have been crazy to do such a thing."

## Foreign women in Portugal's jails triple in a decade

The number of foreign women in Portuguese prisons has tripled in a decade, according to a study commissioned by the Catholic University of Oporto.

Carried out by the Education and Psychology faculty, the study entitled 'The life trajectories of foreign female prisoners in Portugal' was presented at a conference on 4 December. The figures showed that the number of foreign women in the national female prison population have increased from 11.4 percent in 2000 to 31.9 percent in 2009.

According to the study, which took two years to complete and included data collected from the Tires and Santa Cruz do

Bispo prisons, 49.6 percent of foreign female prisoners originate from Portuguese speaking African countries.

Meanwhile, figures show that foreign men represent only 19.6 percent of Portugal's male prison population, with the average age of male prisoners being 35.8 years old. The average age for female prisoners is higher, at 38 years old, which may be due to older women being used to transport drugs.

Researchers from universities as well as professionals that work with prisons and prisoners met during the conference where the study was presented, to discuss and debate a variety of topics related to crime in Portugal.



Wealth Management  
Tax Mitigation  
Estate Planning  
Trustee Services  
Retirement Benefit Solutions  
*unique solutions for tax and private wealth*



**BLEVINSFRANKS**  
www.blevinsfranks.com

## International tax strategies to protect your wealth

contact Gavin Scott SENIOR PARTNER gavin.scott@blevinsfranks.com  
Adrian Hook PARTNER adrian.hook@blevinsfranks.com

289 350 150

Blevins Franks Financial Management Limited is authorised and regulated by the UK Financial Services Authority only for the conduct of investment and pension business. Blevins Franks Trustees Limited is authorised and regulated by the Malta Financial Services Authority for the administration of trusts and companies. Blevins Franks Tax Limited only gives taxation advice; all of the advisors are fully qualified tax advisors.



## Plan your move abroad without the worry of healthcare

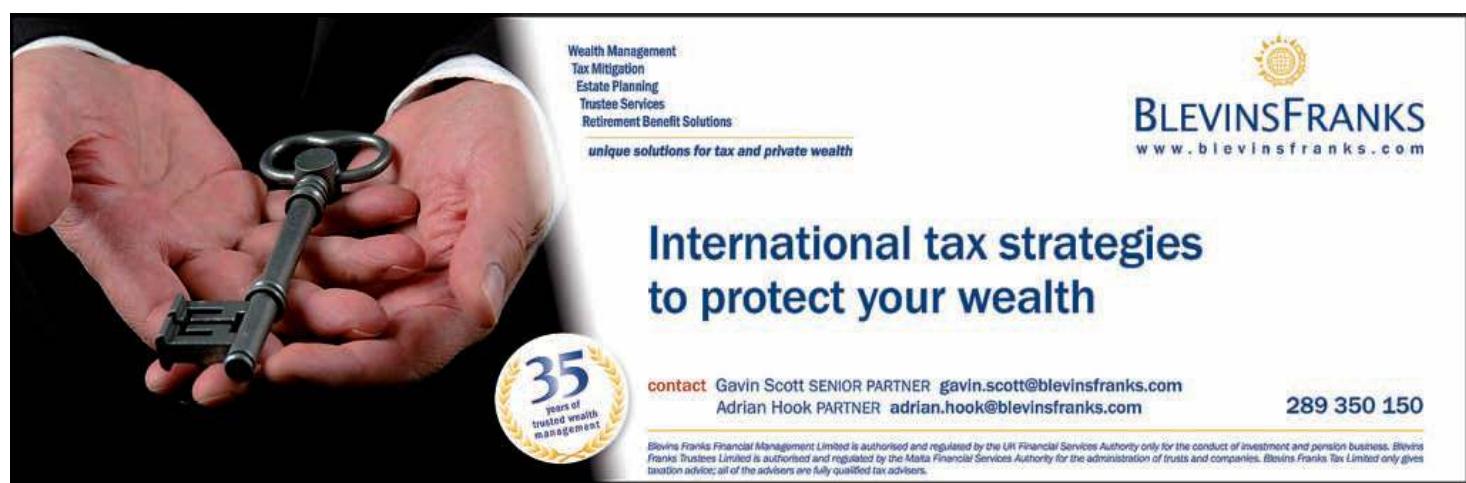
International private medical insurance from Bupa ensures quick and easy access to local general practitioners and centres of medical expertise. You'll have use of a 24/7 multilingual help line, for both minor or major treatments. And if you ask us, we can now consider covering your existing conditions. To give you peace of mind.

**Bupa International**  
Healthcare. Everywhere.

+44 (0) 1273 322 076  
[www.bupa-intl.com](http://www.bupa-intl.com)  
or contact any of our worldwide distributors



**Bupa**



## Portuguese students achieve record results in OECD's PISA study



Portugal has made strong progress in education, approaching the average ranking in the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) for the first time, according to a study released earlier this week.

The PISA 2009 report issued in Paris showed Portuguese 15-year-olds registering "impressive" gains over the previous study in 2006 in the key subjects of reading, mathematics and sciences, OECD director Andreas

**Photo left: Education Minister Isabel Alcada inaugurates the Maia e Resende School Centre which will open its doors in the new school year to more than 400 children from various educational establishments in the area, (Photo: Lusa / Estela Silva)**

Schleicher told Lusa News Agency.

The Portuguese students received a classification of 489 points, just shy of the 493-point average among 470,000 students from 65 countries tested last year, the study showed.

The score placed Portugal alongside countries like the United States, Sweden, Germany, France, Ireland, Denmark, Great Britain and Hungary.

South Korea and Finland led the pack with 539 and 536 points, respectively.

"Portugal occupied the bottom of the pile in previous studies and this time neared the average for OECD countries, overtaking Spain, for example", Schleicher said.

He attributed Lisbon's eye-opening progress to "the policies followed in recent years and to a combination of factors, like the evaluation of teachers and serious control of the quality of teaching".

In Lisbon, Education Minister Isabel Alcada welcomed the report as confirmation of "very significant" gains in Portugal's educational system.

"Portugal has invested much in improving its schools and this is expressed in the results", Alcada told Lusa, attributing the success "in the first place, to the work of teachers and their quality, investment and commitment".

TPN/Lusa

## Nutrition deemed a growing health challenge in the EU and beyond

Over half the EU adult population is now overweight or obese according to the "Health at a Glance: Europe 2010" report published by the European Commission and the OECD earlier this week.

The rate of obesity has more than doubled over the past 20 years in most EU Member States.

This has considerable implications on health, health systems and on the wider economy. This is one of the many findings in a report which provides useful insight into the current situation of health in the EU.

Welcoming the report, European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy, John Dalli,

said, "In order to reverse the growing trend in obesity and other health problems in the EU we need reliable and up-to-date data to underpin the action we take as policymakers. This is where the Health at a Glance report makes such an important contribution and shall be a useful tool in the coming months and years."

The report shows that prevalence of obesity alone ranges from less than 10% in Romania and Italy to over 20% in the UK, Ireland and Malta. On average, just over 15% of the EU adult population is obese.

Healthy habits start young. Children who are obese or overweight are more likely to suffer

from poor health later in life, with a greater risk of developing heart disease, diabetes, some forms of cancer, arthritis, asthma, a reduced quality of life and even premature death.

Currently, 1 in 7 children in the EU are overweight or obese - and the figures are set to rise even further.

**Special Winter Offers**

SEAFARIS portugal - portugal

dolphin trips, grotto trips, sailing trips and private charters available

Open all year round

Contact us  
info@seafaris.net  
00351 282 798727 or 00351 91 2009075

**6 Hours Fishing trip**  
only 35€ per person

Thinking of getting married in the Algarve?

**ALGARVE BLESSINGS**  
Wedding Planner

Why not take advantage of the low season - airfares are a real bargain and hotels are offering superb rates. In one day we will help you choose suppliers and view possible venues that will meet your requirements. Our preview day service is unique, personal and very cost effective.

Call +351 934 809 144  
algarveblessings.com

## Thank BlueChipIT that we are up and running again!



BlueChip IT is a dedicated service from World Telecom giving small to medium size companies 'blue chip' support to ensure your data and systems are as safe as possible.

We offer:

- 24/7 support by Microsoft Certified engineers
- Daily or weekly secure 'off site' back-ups
- Regular maintenance of servers and computers
- Fast response and stand by systems
- Alternative Internet & email connections if your service goes down

Our services can be tailored to meet your needs and budget, whatever the size of your company. We will be happy to give you a free on-site assessment of your system and discuss how to make sure you stay operational whatever happens.



Call 707 500 600... Kurt Pardon... IT Director... Blue Chip IT... info@bluechip-it.com

**Over 200 gay marriages since law took effect six months ago**

More than 220 gay couples have married in Portugal in the six months since the new law took effect, according to figures supplied by the Justice Ministry to Lusa News Agency.

Of the 221 marriages, 156 took place between men and 65 between women.

In addition, 201 homosexual weddings abroad during the same period involved a Portuguese national, official figures revealed.

The law permitting gay marriage went into effect last 31 May and the first wedding took place on 7 June between lesbian activists Teresa Pires and Helena Paixão. TPN/Lusa

# Book lifts lid on 'Sexualities in Portugal'

Almost half of those questioned for the study (47.6 percent) said that they engaged in sexual relations "a few times" a week; 7.4 percent answered that it was a daily or "practically" daily occurrence, while almost 10 percent said they had abstained from sexual activity this past year.

The findings were based on answers to the 'Sexual Behaviour and HIV/AIDS Infection in Portugal' survey, carried out over 2007 and 2008, commissioned by the National Coordination Board for HIV/AIDS transmission and which was also supervised by the book's authors.

The coordinators further found that women are the more sexually inactive gender, while men have relations more often.

More than a third of respondents (34.1 percent) claim to have had just one sexual partner during their lifetimes, a claim made by 52 percent of female participants, three times more than the 16.1 percent of male respondents.

Regarding the longevity of relationships, 28.3 percent of respondents say they have had the same partner for at least five years, while 16.8 percent said they had been with the same person for at least a year.

Men, however, were clearly



A new book that was launched on Tuesday this week has lifted the lid on sexual behaviour in Portugal; amongst other revelations, it was discovered that almost half of the Portuguese population has sex "a few times" a week. The book, by authors Manuel Villaverde Cabral and Pedro Moura Ferreira, is based on the findings of a study in which 3,643 individuals, aged between 18 and 65 and resident in continental Portugal, participated.



The Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, José Mariano Gago, makes a speech during the inauguration of an exhibition in the Living Science and Knowledge Pavilion entitled 'Sex ... so what?' which seeks to explain love and sexuality in a clear and amusing way to pre-adolescents, while at the same time respecting the family, teachers and the general public. (Photo: Lusa / António Cotrim)

ahead in the 'multiple partners' category, with 23.6 percent of men saying they currently engaged in sexual activity with various partners, in comparison to 7.2 percent of women.

The study further showed that the number of partners diminished as people got older.

It investigated deeper into individual's sexual preferences by asking about the 'diversification' of their sex-lives, focusing on four distinct activities: 'fellatio', 'cunnilingus', anal sex and non-penetrative sex.

It was found that non-penetrative sex was the most common activity in Portugal's bedrooms, with 69.5 percent of the respondents claiming to practice this form of intimate relation.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, 37.2 percent of respondents said they had practised anal sex.

Women were found to be less experimental than men, with men becoming sexually active at a younger age.

Three decades ago Portuguese men initiated their sex lives at just over 17-years-of-age, on average. That age is now calculated at 16.5.

At the start of the 1980s, the average age for a Portuguese woman to become sexually active was in her early 20s (around the age of 21.2), though this has dropped significantly to 17.2 in present times.

## Holiday home sitting empty?

Get more bookings! Advertise on the world's largest travel community...



Free listing on  
tripadvisor®  
worth £100  
Quote PORTUGAL  
Ends 31.01.11

We put your home in front of millions of holidaymakers from around the world, providing you with booking enquiries and direct contact with your guests.

Get started with a free listing on TripAdvisor® worth £100 when you advertise with a Premium Advert on Holiday Lettings for £299 a year.

[holidaylettings.co.uk](http://holidaylettings.co.uk)

UK's No1 for holiday homes worldwide



Travelling Salesman Dembagow from Senegal pictured here with his wife and family in Oporto in November. Dembagow confirmed that he found Portugal to be a friendly country where he found peace and no discrimination. (Photo: Lusa / João Abreu Miranda)

## Portugal's immigrant integration policies 'exemplary'



Portugal's immigrant integration policies have been highlighted by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in its World Migration Report 2010 as "good examples" that are successful as they "consider the immigrant to be part of a solution."

Published last week the IOM's report says that Portugal "has shown how an integrated approach can produce successful policies and services that promote a harmonious, shared future."

Speaking to Lusa News Agency, High Commissioner Rosário Farmhouse described the report's findings as "very flattering", having acknowledged Portugal's ability to create innovative and coordinated answers for civil society, given that it has welcomed considerable numbers of immigrants in recent years.

The report read "Although Portugal has only recently become a country of immigration the investment made in integration policies in the past few years has had positive outcomes that merit attention.

"Public attitudes towards migration, as shown by a 2007 Eurobarometer poll, are among the most positive in Europe (Portugal was the second-most positive country in the EU-25), with the majority of those questioned stating that the contribution of immigrants to Portuguese society was positive", it continued.

High Commissioner Farmhouse commented: "Not all countries can uphold such ample partnerships. Governmentally maybe they can, but on a social and civil level, with the immigrants being part of the solution and actively participating in integration policies, very few countries have that vision." According to the High Commissioner, Portugal's capability in creating such synergies is related to the fact that it is traditionally a country of emigrants, who know what it is to start a new life in a far-off land.

The report reiterated this, stating: "The awareness of immigrants' needs that underlies these policy developments and public opinion reflects Portugal's emigrant experience. This framework has been very important in terms of public debate and legislative activity on immigration and integration."

"We have always managed to find answers that we would like our emigrants to find abroad. That has been the tonic that, in the partnership, has made the difference", Mrs. Farmhouse stressed.

The IOM report makes refer-

ral to various national initiatives, such as the national centres for immigrant support (in Lisbon, Oporto and Faro), and the 'One Stop Shop' project, which is operated by social-cultural mediators who themselves are migrants.

"The centres have proved to be innovative in terms of providing a holistic and comprehensive government service. The centres have been mainstreaming the provision of immigrant services and consolidating partnerships and cooperation between civil society organisations, public authorities and central government", the report considered.

Portugal's Plan for Immigrant Integration, which was launched in 2007 and in three years has reached 80 percent of its objectives.

The report concluded: "As a country that considers its immigrants to be part of the solution, actively involving them in dialogues relating to integration policy, Portugal has demonstrated how an integrated approach can produce successful policies and services that promote a harmonious, shared future."

## Break free from PT

Line Rental with UNLIMITED, ANYTIME calls to Portugal, Spain and UK for less than €1 per day

For more info  
Call  
707 500 600



[www.worldtelecom.pt](http://www.worldtelecom.pt)



Family Dining - Coffee Lounge. Separate children's menu

### CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY OR COLLEAGUES



Special Party Nights in December on 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 22nd and 23rd December. Price of €30.00 per person includes the following:-



- Glass of bubbly on arrival
- Choice of specially chosen 3 course menus (ask for details)
- Coffee with Mince Pies



LIVE MUSIC each night for the great party atmosphere. If your numbers are 30 or more, then the restaurant will be closed to any other bookings. Numbers less than 30 join us for our SHARED PARTY NIGHTS.



Come and join the fun.  
Book now to avoid disappointment.

Family dining for all ages. Children under 3 eat free. Open Wednesday-Saturday for lunch and dinner. Closed all day Monday and Tuesday. 2 course luncheon €7.50 and every Sunday 12.00 noon - 5.00 p.m.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET €10.00 per person children under 10 €6.00

Located at Boavista Golf Resort, Lagos

Telephone: 282 764 382 Website: [www.montesrestaurantlagos.com](http://www.montesrestaurantlagos.com)

## Best Property Selection Across The Algarve

### PROPERTIES URGENTLY NEEDED FOR OUR CLIENTS IN THE WESTERN ALGARVE AND THE WEST COAST FROM LAGOS TO ODECEIXE

Lagos area: Holiday homes with garden, pool, sea views up to € 500.000,-!

Lagos: Penthouse apartments with min. 3 bedrooms with sea views!

Lagos to Sagres and West Coast: Front line to sea properties all types!

Renovated Quintas (with guest houses) and with big plot and pool!

Town houses and semi-detached properties with good views!

Country and rustic houses, pool would be a PLUS!

**IF YOU WANT TO SELL YOUR PROPERTY WITHIN THESE AREAS,  
PLEASE CONTACT OUR SALES CONSULTANT NATASCHA HUNT**

on 913 009 089 or [nh@togofor-homes.com](mailto:nh@togofor-homes.com)



AMI 6902

#### LAGOS OFFICE

Rua Gil Eanes 19  
8600-742 Lagos

New offices in Quinta do Lago and Tavira soon!

[www.togofor-homes.com](http://www.togofor-homes.com)

#### ALVOR OFFICE

Edif. Dunas de Alvor, Loja 13  
8500-013 Alvor



## OSCARS TRADITIONAL PUB

### Christmas Party

#### Special Menus

Varied prices to suit your pockets  
Christmas crackers and party hats.

Great atmosphere with live music every  
Friday and Saturday nights with a special  
Christmas Eve party, with a live band and  
no entry cost.

Private function room available.



### New Years Eve Party Night



8pm until 2am  
Live music and dancing!

#### ALL INCLUSIVE:

- Cocktail on arrival, hot and cold buffet with desserts.
- Selected red, white and rose wines, draught and bottled beers, cider and soft drinks
- Champagne at countdown to midnight.
- Party hats, streamers etc.

75€ PER PERSON



#### Special Events

Mondays: Quiz night 8pm • Fridays & Saturdays: Live Music from 9.30pm • Sundays: Carvery from 12am till 4pm

## EU launches VAT reform debate



The European Commission has launched a wide public consultation on how the EU's Value Added Tax (VAT) system can be strengthened and improved, to the benefit of citizens, businesses and Member States.

The aim is to give all stakeholders a chance to express their thoughts and views on the problems that currently exist with regard to VAT, and how these can be addressed. The Commission will use the feedback from this consultation to decide the best approach in creating a more stable, robust and effective VAT system for the future.

Taxation Commissioner Algirdas Šemeta said: "We need a VAT system for the 21st century: simple, modern and effective. VAT is paid by citizens, collected by businesses and is a main source of revenue for Member States, so everybody has an interest in this tax. I would urge people to make their voices heard in this consultation, so that we can ensure that the future VAT system works better for everyone."

VAT was introduced in the EU more than 40 years ago, at a

time when the marketplace looked very different from what it is now, the EC justified in a press statement.

Despite efforts over the years to modernise and simplify the VAT system bit by bit, it is clear that the regime no longer fits the needs of a service-driven, technology-based, modern economy. The complexity of the current VAT system creates unnecessary costs and burdens for taxpayers and administrations, and obstacles to the Internal Market.

Moreover, certain weaknesses within the VAT system leave it vulnerable to fraud and evasion. Therefore, a fundamental review of the VAT system is needed.

The current economic situation has highlighted the important role that VAT plays in ensuring economic stability and growth. VAT is a major source of revenue for Member States (up to 20% of total tax revenue).

It can be expected to become even more important as the recession and aging populations affect other revenue sources. In addition, economic studies show that consumption taxes are among the most growth-friendly, and a robust VAT system could contribute to economic regeneration in Europe.

It is therefore of great importance, says the EC, to ensure that the EU's VAT system is fully-functional and delivering to its full potential.

The Commission invites all interested to contribute to the public consultation, which will be open until 31st May 2011. Based on the feedback received, the Commission will present the priorities for the future VAT system in a Communication at the end of 2011.

For further information, visit: [http://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/index_en.htm)

## Ten million use Europass CV for job-search

More than 10 million people are now using a 'Europass' online CV (curriculum vitae) to help them find a job, according to latest figures compiled by the European Commission.

By offering standardised CV template, available in 26 languages, Europass helps job-seekers to market their knowledge and skills in a user-friendly way to employers all over Europe and beyond. Almost half of Europass users are under the age of 25.

Androulla Vassiliou, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, said: "The Europass CV is practical, popular and effective. I am particularly

pleased that it has been embraced by young people; it is an important tool in our Youth on the Move campaign, which encourages study and work abroad. I doubt it will be too long before we see 20 million Europass users."

The Europass was launched in 2005 and was originally targeted at young people looking for jobs and opportunities abroad; these users are still its main customers. Almost half of Europass users are under 25; one third has no previous work experience and only a minority has more than 5 years' experience.

However, it is clear from the feedback that, as well as using Europass to seek posts abroad, a lot of people are increasingly us-

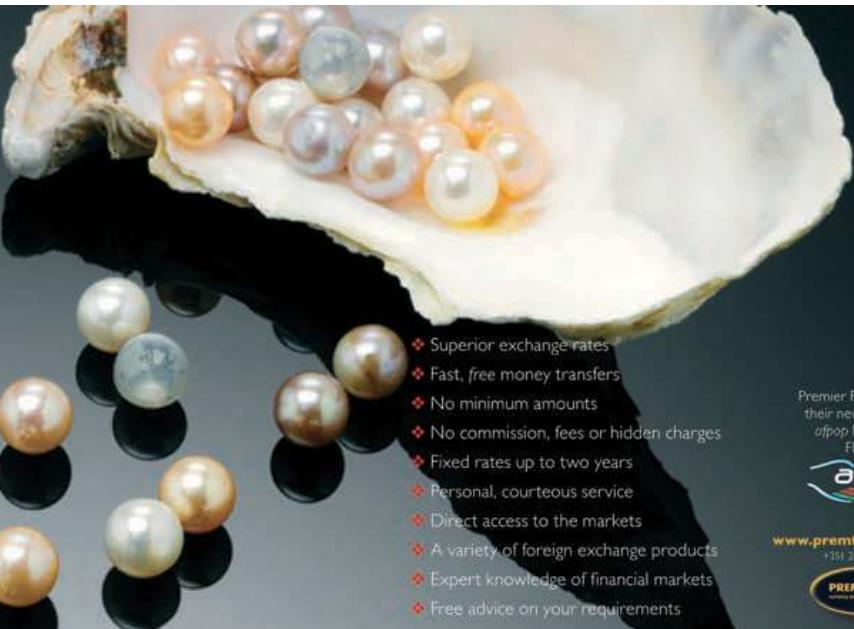
ing the CV to apply for jobs in their own country too.

Europass has proved popular with business and employment agencies.

Marc Vandeeleene, PR and Communication Manager for Manpower Belgium, said: "In a constantly changing labour market, which is becoming more and more international, the Europass CV facilitates recruitment processes for companies and improves worker mobility. The way a candidate puts together their CV is often influenced by their local country culture. Standard practice in one country is not necessarily the accepted way in another. The Europass CV solves this problem."

**stress-free currency exchange**

with no minimum amount – and completely free of any charges!



- ◆ Superior exchange rates
- ◆ Fast, free money transfers
- ◆ No minimum amounts
- ◆ No commission, fees or hidden charges
- ◆ Fixed rates up to two years
- ◆ Personal, courteous service
- ◆ Direct access to the markets
- ◆ A variety of foreign exchange products
- ◆ Expert knowledge of financial markets
- ◆ Free advice on your requirements

Premier FX will enrol their new clients as *afpop* Members **FREE!**



[www.premfx.com/pnews](http://www.premfx.com/pnews)

+351 269 356 511



## Fiscal Representation problems

*Sample Cases* - this is the last of a 4-part series by Dennis Swing Greene.

The following problem cases are based on real events, illustrating what tangles can arise for Non-Residents in Portugal and how they can be avoided or fixed.

### Case n° 9 - Choosing the right structure

Jacques and Brigitte wanted a holiday home in the sun far from their native Belgium. With no Capital Gains Tax on Property in their home jurisdiction, it never occurred to them to plan ahead. Years later, Jacques began to suffer from poor health and the couple decided to sell their villa. They gave Power of Attorney to an agent to handle the sale, who, unaccustomed to dealing with fiscal matters, failed to mention any of their tax liabilities.

It was only 3 years later that they began receiving notices from Finanças regarding the unpaid CGT assessment. By this time, serious fines and considerable late interest had accumulated in addition to the standard 25% Capital Gains taxation.

**Solution:** With proper advice from their Fiscal Representative, not only would they have avoided needless expenses and stress of the overdue CGT

assessment, they could have opted for a Portuguese Nominee Company from the start to hold their property. This would have led to substantial CGT tax rate savings at the point of sale with the bonus of being very tax efficient for the buyer as well.

### Case n° 10 - Non-Resident Misrepresentation

When Harry and Anne put down a down payment on their new home in Portugal, an agent went to Finanças to get them Fiscal Numbers. Not wanting to take on the responsibility of being their Fiscal Representative, he ticked the "resident" box. Subsequently, Rates bills went straight to the house and everything seemed fine until a notice arrived asking why they had never put in an IRS "Self-Assessment" in Portugal.

If you are registered as "resident", Finanças will expect annual tax declarations based on your worldwide income. This alleged dual tax residency status could prove to be an expensive

nightmare. Appointing a proper Fiscal Representative, as required by law, should sidestep an otherwise avoidable double assessment.

**Solution:** It is your Fiscal Representative's job to see that you are correctly registered and that you meet your compliance obligations in Portugal. At the same time, your Representative should strive to use every mechanism available under the law for you to pay the legal minimum.

**This is the final article in the 4-part series**

Dennis Swing Greene is Chairman and International Fiscal Consultant for euroFINESCO s.a. Private consultations can be scheduled in Guia (Albufeira) 289561333, Lisbon (Chiado) 21342421 and in Funchal (Sé), Madeira 291221095, by e-mail at [info@eurofinesco.com](mailto:info@eurofinesco.com) or on the internet at [www.eurofinesco.com](http://www.eurofinesco.com).

## EU report stresses urgency to remove labour market obstacles



The new Employment in Europe 2010 report presented recently has underlined how young people have borne the brunt of the crisis, with unemployment disproportionately hitting 15-24 year olds and reaching over 30% in some countries.

Although there are consistent signs of the EU labour market stabilising, with indications of the beginnings of an upturn in some Member States, the crisis has had a profound effect on employment and the overall recovery of the EU economy remains fragile.

The rise in unemployment combined with limited opportunities to re-enter work has aggravated the risk of a surge in long-

term unemployment or people leaving the labour market altogether. The report stresses that it might be some time before we see a clear upswing for jobs.

"European labour markets will emerge from the crisis profoundly changed. That's why workers and employers must be ready with the right skills and incentives to adapt to the changing realities" said László Andor, EU Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs and Inclusion. He added: "We are working with all our partners, including Member States, to ensure that people have the right skills for the jobs of tomorrow. Our Europe 2020 target is to reach 75% employment and getting people into work is the main objective of two of our flagship initiatives announced this year: 'Youth on the Move' and 'New Skills and Jobs'."

# Government looking at labour reforms – PM



Prime Minister José Sócrates acknowledged this week that his Socialist government was considering changes in Portugal's labour laws, telling journalists details could be known in "the coming days".

"I've already answered this question several times in the last 15 days. I've already said that we would prepare an agenda for growth; we have meetings set with our social partners", Prime Minister Sócrates replied when pressed by reporters on speculation labour reforms were in the works.

"So the answer is 'yes' and you'll have more details in the coming days", he added.

Mr. Sócrates spoke to reporters on the sidelines of the presentation in Lisbon of the OECD's PISA on educational standards that showed Portugal approaching the organisation's average

ranking for the first time.

He attributed the country's record results primarily to teachers, calling them "the heroes of the results".

The good PISA showing, he said, confirmed the government had been justified in pressing forward with educational reforms that had faced strong opposition from teachers unions.

His educational policies had "moved in the right direction", he added, saying he had "never thought (teachers) were against the reforms" despite certain "misunderstandings" and "obstacles".

TPN/Lusa

## Banks giving cheap evaluations of properties

Banks' evaluations of apartments and villas dropped in October by 0.6 percent, in comparison to the month before, and by 1.3 percent when compared to the same month of 2009; at present properties are averagely priced at €1,133 per square metre, according to a survey by the National Statistics Institute (INE).

Research by the INE into banks' evaluations regarding the property market and access to home loans have further revealed that in October, evaluations being carried out in the metropolitan areas of Lisbon and Oporto fell by 0.4 percent in comparison to September, and 0.1 percent, in relation to October 2009.

The average evaluation for the rest of the country, which

in October was of €1,133 per square metre, was around seven euros cheaper than in the same month of the year before, though the drop in value was still not as intense as in September, when the average evaluation dropped by €11, in comparison to 12 months earlier.

Only in the Algarve and Madeira were any positive changes registered, with pricings rising by 0.8 percent and 0.4 percent, respectively.

Nationally, regarding apartments, the INE calculated that bank evaluations stabilised at around €1,202 per square metre, 0.7 percent cheaper than in September, whereas a square metre of a villa cost around €1,206, 0.1 percent cheaper than the month before.



Portuguese Finance Minister, Teixeira dos Santos (R), flanked by the Prime Minister, José Sócrates, talks to journalists at a recent press conference in Lisbon. Media reports state that José Sócrates announced the new economic measures to balance the deficit which include cuts in the state workers wages, in the social assistance state contributions and a VAT tax raise from 21 to 23 per cent. (Photo: Lusa / EPA / António Cotrim)

## Brazil ready to help Portugal exit crisis as 'quickly as possible'

Brazil will do everything it can to aid Portugal overcome its economic and financial crisis, President Lula da Silva said before heading to Argentina for the Iberian-American summit.

President Lula said, in a meeting with foreign correspondents, that Finance Minister Guido Mantega would soon hold talks in Brasilia with his Lisbon counterpart, Fernando Teixeira dos Santos, on how Brazil "can help invest in Portugal more".

"We will make the effort that's within our reach to aid Portugal get out of this crisis as quickly as possible", the President added.

Lula da Silva said Brazil and other Latin American countries had headed to the 20th Iberian-American summit in Mar del Plata with "pride" as their economies, in contrast to Europe's, were growing.

"This is the time of emerging countries", he said, adding that Portugal and Spain "should be very happy" with "the extraordinary growth" across the Latin American countries Iberia spawned.

He described the economic and financial difficulties facing Europe as a "passing crisis".

## Gibro Wealth Ltd

### QROPS



## Take Control of your UK Pension

QROPS is only suitable for those emigrating or intending to emigrate for a period of five years or more.

In almost all cases, there is no requirement to take an Annuity.

On death, subject to structure and jurisdiction, your fund will be passed on to your spouse and heirs 100%.

Income can be taken in a more tax-efficient manner.

UK Inheritance Tax Free

To choose the most suitable jurisdiction for you and take advantage of the above benefits

Contact our Financial Advisors

Portugal: - Tel: 00351 289 463 271

Email: gibro@gibro.com



Gibraltar - Spain - Portugal

Av. José de Costa Mehalha 34, Bloco B, 3º E/F  
8100-501, Loulé - Algarve - Portugal  
Tel: 00351 289 463 271 - Fax: 00351 289 463 277  
Email: info@gbconsultores.com

[www.gibro.com](http://www.gibro.com)

**Kaza Seguros**  
Insurance Solutions

20 YEARS INSURANCE

**SPECIAL OFFERS FOR EX-PATS**

**Discounts up to: 50% OFF**

**BEST MARKET RATES** **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Contact us for a quote!

R. 25 de Abril, 91-1ºDto - 8600-763 Lagos  
e-mail: [kazaseguros@mail.telepac.pt](mailto:kazaseguros@mail.telepac.pt) [www.kazaseguros.pt](http://www.kazaseguros.pt)  
Tel: 282 761 612 Fax: 282 769 378 Mob: 919 694 025

TPN/Lusa

Gibro Wealth Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority. Registered in England No. 6627977.



## Vilamoura Gets Spar Supermarket!

The well known Spar supermarket chain has opened a superstore in the Vilamoura resort. After many months of research and tough negotiations with Lusort the Supermarket is now open to the public.

The store Manager Mr. Rodrigo Jesus will ensure that customers get the very best quality products at the best possible price. One of the stipulations when Spar was awarded the building (which used to house the cinema) to open the supermarket was that the store must cater for local and international residents and visitors of Vilamoura. Bearing this in mind, the staff is always open to suggestions from clients of new products to stock.

All twenty staff members have been trained in customer relations and were instructed to always treat customers with a smile, making a pleasant change from what seems to be the norm in business today.

## GMT 24:7 Condominium Direct – Breaking the Mould

GMT 24:7, the property maintenance company, has launched a new service, Condominium Direct specifically for the condominium property market, which could reduce condominium running costs by an estimated 10-15%.

By combining its expertise in property maintenance and building together with a new, more cost-effective model for condominium management GMT 24:7 can offer better value for money and an improvement in service levels to this sector of the market.

GMT 24:7 Condominium Direct takes on the full administration and operation of your condominium and by introducing competitive and tried and tested suppliers selected from their fifteen years experience in the Algarve, helping to significantly reduce running costs in most cases.

Brett Hawkins, Director of GMT 24:7 said 'we have been approached by a number of property owners in condominiums who want access to the same unrivalled service levels and value for money that we offer to the domestic market, so we have created this new service as a response'.

GMT 24:7 is the only company in the Algarve offering all maintenance services from one supplier, with a home emergency response service for the domestic market starting from as

With 600 square meters of space and a very large selection of groceries available, customers shopping at Spar Vilamoura are sure to find exactly what they are looking for. In the butcher section you can find a large selection of fresh meats, including cuts preferred by the international market. The wine section carries a wide selection of both national and international wines and spirits. The fresh fruit and vegetable section is restocked at regular intervals to ensure garden freshness at all times. There is a fresh and frozen fish selection, a ready-made food section for take-away home-made meals, a bakery with fresh bread and pastries and a wide range of groceries to ensure a one stop supermarket.

Spar Vilamoura is open every day from 8am to 8pm with plenty of parking available.

Find Spar Vilamoura next to Lusort offices in the old cinema building.

large as €8.99 per month.

Condominium Direct customers will benefit from the GMT 24:7 Home Emergency Response service which guarantees a rapid response to any problem within the property such as a leaking water pipe or faulty electrics. GMT 24:7 will resolve it fast and efficiently, whatever the time of day or night.

GMT 24:7 have the credentials required to offer this new approach to the condominium market; Director Brett Hawkins is a management accountant with experience in two of the largest quoted FTSE100 companies in the UK and seven years with one of the leading property development and management businesses in the Algarve. His father Tony and brother Scott run a well established building and property maintenance company in the Algarve and early in 2010 they joined forces to form their new business, GMT 24:7.

Brett stated "we would welcome the chance to speak to other property owners both private owners and those in a condominium, who may be experiencing problems with maintenance services, to see how our solutions might work for them."

Brett Hawkins, GMT 24:7, Tel +351 282 098 600, Website: [www.gmt247.eu](http://www.gmt247.eu), Email: [info@gmt247.eu](mailto:info@gmt247.eu)



## Pickle and Pie

The Pickle and Pie Sports Bar and Restaurant are celebrating their first Christmas on the Marina and will be open all Christmas and New Year.

Christmas is coming! The weather is cooling down and the festive season is just around the corner. The Pickle and Pie are well under way with their festive season planning. From partying the night away, to giving mum Christmas Day off. The Pickle and Pie is a beautifully presented old style bar. "A place where you always feel at home".

This traditional pub is based on the Marina de Lagos with spectacular views of the Marina. The Bar is open on Christmas Day until 2:00pm, for everyone and then their festive Christmas Lunch celebrations start, with free beer and wine with lunch.

They have a massive New Year's Eve celebration with free entry and are also open all day New Year's Day, serving food all day.

Next to the Christmas Tree in The Pickle and Pie Bar there is a

large charity box which the management want to fill with gifts - a place where customers can drop wrapped gifts for under-privileged local children.

For the month of December, Monday is Pool tournament night at 07:30pm and Friday is Quiz Night at 8:00pm and there will be a collection at both events for the local charities.

There is also a new Special Offer meal deal on the winter menu to beat the recession at €5, a special meal which is served all day every day, featuring homemade pies and stews, etc. Also back by popular demand is their Sunday lunch menu with roast beef, roast pork, homemade soup, starters and deserts.

For more information on their special offers please do not hesitate to contact the team at the bar or call Siobhan O Shaughnessy on 282792384 mobile 910166207.

The management and staff of The Pickle and Pie would like to take this opportunity to wish all their customers a Joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



## New address for English Grocer

Thomas Green's in Olhos de Agua gets a new address, having moved just around the corner from where they used to be. The new shop is more prominent on the main road of Olhos de Agua in Albufeira and offers clients an even larger range of their favourite English groceries.

Right on the bus route and very close to the taxi rank, Thomas Green's is very easy to get to, if you come by car, parking is never a problem as the shop is located next to the Market square parking lot.

As always, at this time of year, Thomas Green's carries a large range of Christmas treats, sweet and savoury as well as sweet gifts, Christmas crackers, cards, gift wrap and are now taking orders for traditional Christmas meats. Go along now and

stock up with everything you will need for this holiday season, all at a reasonable price. The only thing you won't find is the snow.

Thomas Green's also have a home delivery service for Albufeira and Vilamoura for orders that warrant this.

All year round, Thomas Green's pride themselves on their vast range of British foods with all your convenience grocery requirements, they are here to make your life easy. All the favourite expat items at fantastic value for money.

You can find Thomas Green's at, Loteamento Praça do Mercado, Loja 17, Torre da Madronheira, Olhos de Agua, Albufeira.

Or call them on 289 541 119 e mail [albufeira@thomasgreen.pt](mailto:albufeira@thomasgreen.pt)

## Overseas Legal - Law Offices

Overseas Legal provide legal support in all areas of law, such as Property Purchase, Construction and Planning, Corporate and Business law, Incorporation of Companies, Family and Inheritance Law, and Tax Law.

They give 24/7 legal support through their dedicated emergency helpline for expatriates on (+351) 937 084 995, very helpful in case of an accident, a simple traffic fine when you are approached by the police (call them before paying), or just in case of a miscommunication between you and the Portuguese Authorities, and on any other occasion in which you don't know how to

react to protect your interests in an emergency situation. Overseas Legal's office is always there to help you, so keep a note of their contact details, just in case.

They also offer bureaucratic mediation between expats and the Portuguese Authorities.

Regarding foreign investment and business, their mission is to support those initiatives by helping to plan the investments reducing costs and helping to establish new businesses in Portugal. They have offices in Lisbon, Lagoa and Tomar. Call on 919 300 160 for more information or e-mail [legal@overseas.pt](mailto:legal@overseas.pt).

## Self Defence

We live in difficult and troubled times, sad but true, and in a society where, although still unusual, personal attack of some sort is always a possibility.

The Algarve Association of Self Defence has developed a system aimed at training and helping ordinary people who may be faced with a personal attack of some nature. Based on a thorough study, they have developed a course which takes the best of martial arts and combat sports and then adapts it to the demands of what we may have to deal with on the street one day!

The objective of the system is to prepare the average person to be capable of distinguishing and analysing a situation and to have the confidence and knowledge to deal with it in an appropriate way.

This is a challenging course, but we recognise that it is no use having a good technical knowledge of self defence without good mental preparation as during the first 30 seconds of an approach, the attitude that you take is crucial in defining the course of events.

The Algarve Association of Self Defence is growing and has now spread to ten cities and

towns, requiring commitment from those who teach and from those who want to learn. In this sense it is a process based on good principles, with a means and not an end. There is always a factor to consider and improve as ignorance is infinite, while knowledge is always limited, requiring a constant evolution where there are no standard situations, and they aim to train you to feel prepared to deal with something for which you were never taught to deal with, preventing fear and panic while at the same time developing a moderate physical condition, this being one of the creeds.

We should keep in mind that even as you read this article, statistics point to the fact that someone somewhere is in a 'delicate' situation, which requires training to deal with in a proper way.

Choose one of several training academies near you. Go and try the association's system free for two weeks. Just do it! You may well surprise yourself. Get more information by consulting the website at [www.elitedp.net](http://www.elitedp.net).

Be prepared before it happens to you! At the very least it will give you more confidence and some healthy exercise.



## New Business? New Product?



Why not let our readers know?

To be included on this page, send details of your new business or product in up to 250 words plus a photograph (optional) to [copy@theportugalnews.com](mailto:copy@theportugalnews.com)

With over 22,000 copies every week, **The Portugal News** is very effective in promoting viable business ideas.

Try us and see!

# Portuguese praise for outcome of Iberian-American summit

Portuguese leaders have applauded the Iberian-American summit's inclusion of a "democratic clause" in its charter as a major advance for the organisation.

President Cavaco Silva and Prime Minister José Sócrates described the move, taken last weekend at the leadership meeting in Argentina, as giving the community a new political dynamic of great importance.

"The 'democratic clause' is one of the most important in the life and development of the Iberian-American community", Prime Minister Sócrates said at the close of the 20th organisation summit in Mar del Plata.

The trans-Atlantic summits between Iberian nations Portugal and Spain and Latin America emerged from "a geographic jus-



Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula Da Silva poses with President Aníbal Cavaco Silva and Prime Minister José Sócrates, during the XX Iberian American Summit in Mar del Plata on 4 November.

## Portugal ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> for child health by Unicef

Portugal has been ranked in third place on a list of economically developed countries which compares access to health care for poorer children, according to a report published by United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef).

The report, entitled 'The children left behind' raises awareness of children who are at risk of not being included or protected by the healthy societies in which they live.

"Whether it's in healthcare, education or material wealth, some children will always be far from average. The question is to understand how far from average they are?" said the report, which aims to answer the question by comparing the situation of children within the national average with those who are at the end of the line.

Countries featured at the top of the list are those that

were found to have the least amount of inequality between the poorest children and the national average.

Out of a total of 24 economically developed countries included in the study, Portugal came third in terms of healthcare, after Holland in first place and Norway in second place. Germany has been placed after Portugal and Switzerland is in fifth place on the list.

Researchers used three indicators to uncover disparities; health complaints made by the children themselves, healthy eating habits and physical exercise.

There is no data available yet to see how the current economic crisis has impacted on poor children, according to Unicef: "during hard times, the poorest children should be the first to be protected, not the last to be considered."

ification" to become a "framework of shared (political) values", he added.

Separately, Cavaco Silva echoed the Prime Minister's sentiments, saying the inclusion of the democratic clause in the charter gave the organisation "a political dimension, making it stronger".

The clause approved at the two-day meeting enshrines the principle of democratic rule as a foundation for the community, foreseeing sanctions for member countries that violate the principle.

Cavaco Silva and José Sócrates also praised the summit's approval of the goal of "education

for inclusion", or access to basic education for all, with an action plan through 2021 as another pivotal advance for the organisation.

Portugal was also pleased with the outcome of the summit in economic terms, as a number of deals were signed or agreed.

Portugal's economic diplomacy will broadly target Latin America, after having established strong business footholds in Brazil and Venezuela, Prime Minister José Sócrates said.

Lisbon's continuing offensive to boost trade and investment abroad will now "centre on Latin America", Prime Minister Sócrates said, describing the region's economic expansion as "absolutely exceptional in the world".

Mr. Sócrates said he was optimistic over opportunities to give a new dynamic to bilateral business ties with Argentina and announced he planned to visit Mexico and Panama early next year.

Colombia and Guatemala had also invited him to visit, he added.

On the sidelines of the summit in Mar del Plata, José Sócrates held business-centred talks with his Argentine hostess, President Cristina Kirchner.

A Lisbon official told Lusa News Agency Buenos Aires was

considering buying up to 900,000 Portuguese-manufactured primary school "Magalhães" computers and that the two countries were discussing the creation of a joint fund to back two-way exports.

Argentine pharmaceutical giant Bago was looking at Portugal as a possible site for a new plant for expansion in Europe, the official added.

Mr. Sócrates said he hoped his meeting with Kirchner would lead "quickly" to accords for export of Portuguese IT, telecommunications, renewable energy and railroad products and technology.

TPN/Lusa

## FESTIVE FLAVOURS IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE AT DUNAS DOURADAS

Join us over Christmas and the New Year

### BEACH CLUB RESTAURANT & BAR

Christmas Day Special, plus our full menu  
Boxing Day, Live Football and our full menu  
New Years' Eve Party  
Call us on: Tel. 289 351 300

### XENIA RESTAURANT

December 16<sup>th</sup> Carol Night with live music  
Traditional Christmas Lunch  
Boxing Day Lunch with live music  
Call us on: Tel. 289 396 347



DUNAS DOURADAS  
BEACH CLUB  
ALDEAMENTO TURÍSTICO

[www.ddbc.pt](http://www.ddbc.pt) | [www.restaurantxenia.com](http://www.restaurantxenia.com)

BEACH  
CLUB  
RESTAURANT & BAR

XENIA  
RESTAURANT

2011  
NEW YEAR'S EVE



Voted Best Development Europe at the 2010 European Property Awards

# EU-Africa summit ends with appeal for European investment



The 3rd European Union-Africa summit ended last week in Tripoli with calls for European investment in Africa.

European Commission President José Manuel Durão Barroso and African Union Commission President Jean Ping closed the summit in a ceremony not attended by the event's host, Libyan leader Muammar Ghadafi.

Ping lamented that European investment "always goes to Asia", not Africa, while Durão

**Photo left:**  
**European Commission President José Manuel Barroso (L) and President of the African Union Commission Jean Ping (R) speak during the press conference during a session of the Africa/EU summit in Tripoli, Libya on 30 November. The Africa/EU Summit took place in Libya on 29 and 30 November under the theme of Investment, Economic Growth and Job Creation. Heads of States and Governments were to address key issues such as peace and security, climate change, regional integration and private sector development, infrastructure and energy, agriculture and food security, migration. (Photo: EPA/Sabri Elmhedwi)**

Barroso said that "development aid is not enough" and that "investment and institutional organisation" will be needed to create jobs and growth.

Ping also criticised policies "dictated" to African nations by global bodies such as the IMF, noting they "didn't have the effect their promoters suggested".

"Perhaps the prescription the European Commission President offers is not a remedy at all, maybe it will drown Africa instead of saving it," Ping said.

The summit had a low-key tone. Several major European leaders, including from France, Germany and Britain, were absent.

One European leader who did attend the Tripoli summit was Portuguese Prime Minister José Sócrates, who praised the event's "great political and economic importance".

Prime Minister Sócrates also told reporters that he expects to host a Europe-Africa conference on energy policy: "Energy will be at the centre of growth and at the centre of cooperation because it's the area of the greatest opportunities in the relationship between Europe and Africa."

Mr. Sócrates added he would like the proposed energy conference to take place "the soonest possible and before the next [EU-Africa] summit", which should happen in 2013.

TPN/Lusa

## Portugal taken to EU Court over air quality failings

The European Commission is urging Portugal to comply with EU air quality limit values for airborne particles known as PM10.

Portugal and three other Member States have so far failed to effectively tackle excess emissions of PM10.

On the recommendation of Environment Commissioner Janez Potočnik, the Commission has therefore decided to take

Portugal, along with Cyprus, Italy and Spain to court.

Legislation sets limit values for exposure which were to be met by 2005, covering both an annual concentration value, and a daily concentration value that must not be exceeded more than 35 times in any calendar year.

Member States may apply for exemptions from the PM10 limit values until June 2011, but these

exemptions are subject to a number of conditions.

A Member State must demonstrate that it has taken steps to achieve compliance by the extended deadline and that it is implementing an air quality plan setting out the relevant abatement actions for each air quality zone.

The information available to the Commission shows that the limit values for PM10 have not

been respected in several zones in Portugal since the legislation came into force in 2005.

While all four Member States have applied for time extensions, the Commission considers that the conditions for granting them have not been met for several non-compliant air quality zones.

It is therefore taking these Member States to the European Court of Justice.

## GICLEE PORTUGAL

Fine Art Printers – Art for All

Visit our Pop - up Art Exhibition in Boliqueime.



### Perfect Gifts!

From Friday 10th December until Sunday 19th December, any evening between 5pm & 8pm (opposite the church) Join us for a glass of wine & a mince pie

### Put some Art in Your Life

Affordable limited edition giclee prints, plus our own exclusive "Noah's Art" collection

[www.gicleeportugal.com](http://www.gicleeportugal.com)  
 Tel Studio 281 328 033 or 917 268 536

We can reproduce & enlarge your favourite photo on canvas  
 Perhaps a bespoke, Panorama of pictures for your wall

Artists & Photographers welcome. Meet our professional team & see our work. We can produce museum quality prints for your art.

Make a night out in Boliqueime & reserve a table at one of our partnering restaurants.

All our visitors can enjoy a 10% discount voucher for one of these excellent venues

Palacio Piri Piri - Tel. 289 366 382 – closed Tuesdays  
 Frazers Restaurant - Tel. 964 919 170 – closed Sunday evenings  
 Birds Nest Restaurant - Tel. 289 366 458 – closed Sunday evening & Mondays

## Befreien Sie sich von PT

Grundgebühr mit Unbegrenzte Telefongespräche in Portugal, Spanien und Deutschland oder England zu jederzeit für weniger als €1 pro Tag.

Für weitere Informationen Rufen Sie uns bitte an  
 707 500 600



[www.worldtelecom.pt](http://www.worldtelecom.pt)

# Portugal has “nothing to add” on “manipulation” of WikiLeaks documents



Portugal's Foreign Ministry has “nothing to add” on the transportation of Guantanamo prisoners through Portugal mentioned in one of the US diplomatic cables disclosed by website WikiLeaks, Ministry spokeswoman Paula Mascarenhas said.

## EU ban on ecstasy-like drug on sale in Portugal

The EU's 27 Justice Ministers have agreed to ban a dangerous ecstasy-like drug that is still legal in 12 EU countries, including Portugal.

The European Commission had proposed on 20 October that governments act to stop the free spread of the drug “mephedrone” across Europe by submitting it to control measures.

Mephedrone is already illegal in 15 EU countries. It has been linked to at least 37 deaths in the UK and Ireland alone.

“It is good to see that EU governments are prepared to take swift action to ban this dangerous drug,” said Vice-President Viviane Reding, the EU's Justice Commissioner.

“This drug is sold over the internet, often behind innocent names like plant food or bath salts. Young people should not be fooled. These drugs are harmful. The EU has shown today that we can act quickly to stop this kind of drug from taking more lives.”

The decision bans the manufacturing and the marketing of mephedrone, submitting it to criminal sanctions all over Europe.

Two fatalities have been reported in the EU in which mephedrone appears to be the sole cause of death.

There are at least another

37 deaths in the UK and Ireland alone in which mephedrone has been detected in post-mortem samples.

Mephedrone is a stimulant whose physical effects are comparable to those produced by ecstasy (MDMA) or cocaine.

It is mostly sold as powder, but also as capsules or tablets, on the internet, from “head shops” and from street-level dealers.

A scientific risk assessment carried out by the Lisbon-based European Monitoring Centre on Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) showed that mephedrone can cause acute health problems and lead to dependency, while a few fatalities related to its use have been reported across Europe.

Mephedrone has no established medical value or other known legitimate purpose. It is a controlled substance in 15 EU countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Romania, Sweden and the UK.

In Portugal, the drug is sold as a fertiliser and its packaging states it is unfit for human consumption.



Wikileaks last week released a 2006 US embassy cable in which it is mentioned that Washington asked Lisbon for permission to send Guantanamo prisoners to their home nations.

Portuguese MEP Ana Gomes and two leftwing parties asked the Portuguese government for “clarification” on whether the cable was referring to CIA flights carrying terrorism suspects to countries where they would allegedly be tortured.

“On the so called ‘CIA flights’, the Foreign Ministry has nothing to add besides what has been said in parliament”, Mascarenhas told Lusa News Agency.

She added that the ministry cooperated with judicial authorities during an inquiry on the matter, that ended in June 2009 by concluding that Portugal did not cooperate with “CIA flights”.

“We regret the opportunistic manipulation that deliberately tries to confuse the transportation of detainees to their home nations and the so called ‘CIA flights’, an allusion to the illegal transportation of terror suspects”, Mascarenhas said.

The cache of 250,000 documents which WikiLeaks and news outlets began releasing recently is known to include 722 cables sent from the US Lisbon embassy.

TPNLusa

**Photo left:** WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange during his press conference in South London on 23 October. Media reports stated on 02 December that Sweden's top court had rejected an attempt by Julian Assange to appeal against a detention order issued for him over alleged sexual crimes. (Photo: EPA/Felipe Trueba)

## Christmas & New Year's Eve at LE MERIDIEN PENINA



Spend Christmas where you feel at home ...near or away from home, with our delightful Christmas dinners or lunches:

**Friday, 24th December**  
Christmas dinner set menu at Le Grill Restaurant for € 62 per person

**Saturday, 25th December**  
Christmas lunch set-menu at Le Grill Restaurant for € 39 per person  
Christmas dinner, buffet at the Sagres Restaurant for € 55 per person

Welcome the New Year 2011, with a sensational dinner and astounding entertainment:

Le MERIDIEN

**Friday, 31st December**  
New Year's Eve buffet dinner with entertainment at the Sagres Restaurant for €139 per person  
New Year's Eve set menu at Le Grill restaurant for € 92 per person

**CASH & CARRY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**ANDIFER**  
THE RIGHT PLACE TO  
SHOP FOR YOUR  
CHRISTMAS EVENING

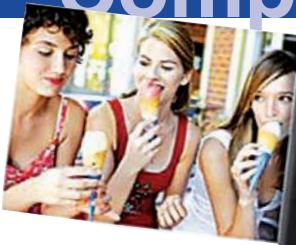
Turkey Crown,  
Whole Turkey • Chipolatas,  
Traditional & Chestnut  
Stuffings  
Homemade Pork Pies  
Gamon Steaks • Matured Beef  
Pork Loin with Crackling  
English Sausages  
Traditional English Products

Open Monday - Friday  
8am - 1.30pm & 2.30pm - 7pm  
Closed Saturdays, Sundays  
& Public Holidays

Largo Gil Eanes - Bloco A - r/c - Portimão  
(near Portimão Pharmacy Arade / railway)  
Tel: 282 410 590 Mob: 965 647 342  
dinisguia@hotmail.com

**NOW ALSO IN LISBON**

For more information and reservations, please contact us at:  
T+351 282 420 200 F+351 282 420 300  
Email: [reservations.penina@lemeridien.com](mailto:reservations.penina@lemeridien.com)  
Or Online at [www.lemeridienpenina.com/christmas](http://www.lemeridienpenina.com/christmas)  
and [www.lemeridienpenina.com/en/nyeve](http://www.lemeridienpenina.com/en/nyeve)



PoGo Instant Photo Printer



That is the reason I have come up with a list of the best gadget gifts for Christmas 2010 that will hopefully help make your Christmas shopping a little easier this year. I've done my best to make the list as diverse as possible so there is something for just about everyone - from the most tech-headed hardcore gadgetophile to the technologically challenged.

#### PoGo Instant Photo Printer

The PoGo Instant Photo Printer from Polaroid is full of new technology such as

HP Envy 100 e-All-in-one Printer



Bluetooth and inkless printing. The built in Bluetooth allows you to wirelessly print photos from your mobile phone. So if you're out and about taking snaps you can print them off and keep them looking shiny in your photo album.

This portable printer connects to your camera via a USB cable and it's extremely simple to connect your digital camera or mobile phone and almost instantly start printing your pictures.

The printer is capable of printing photos of 2" x 3" in size which is probably all you can expect

from a pocket-sized printer. The printer uses 'magic' Zink paper which means no more silly flapping of your photos to dry them as it doesn't use ink cartridges.

Powered by a built-in rechargeable lithium ion battery which is represented by a small LED light on the side, this neat little gadget is practical and easy to carry in your bag or pocket.

The printer can carry up to 10 sheets of paper at a time which is more than enough to print out the best photos from one night out. Unfortunately, the printer is incompatible with the iPhone and the Zink paper does have an expiry date, but Polaroid claim that it still works at almost full quality up to 24 months after expiry.

Overall the Polaroid PoGo Instant Photo Printer is an extremely neat little gadget that could be very useful if pocket size photography and printing is your scene.

# Top 10 Christmas Gadgets – Part 2

Christmas, though it is a joyous time of year, comes with many stresses. Not the least among these stresses is gift-buying. Fighting crowds, trying to find the perfect gifts for friends and loved ones can be an exercise in aggravation.



D-Link Boxee Box Digital Media Player

#### D-Link Boxee Box Digital Media Player

If you want to have the freedom to watch anything you wish on your TV, be that movies, TV shows, sports, or any other video or medium that is available online whatever its source, then the Boxee Box is your answer. **On Demand TV:** Thousands of shows available for free from your favourite networks, ready to watch any time.

**Huge Movie Library:** Enjoy free movies from the web and watch new releases in stunning HD or choose from premium (pay) movie services for on up to date selection.

**Play Your Own Material:** Access videos, songs, or pictures from your computer or home network all with the press of a button.

#### What exactly is the Boxee Box?

Simply it's a media centre computer and without a doubt the best way to enjoy TV programmes, movies, video and music from the Internet or a hard drive on your TV. Watch all the latest programmes, play videos from nearly any website, organise your personal videos, music, and photos into great looking libraries, and browse the Internet, all with a simple to use QWERTY remote. It has a terrific GUI (Graphic User Interface) that looks really smart and is simple to follow.

#### Unlimited content:

Watch what you want, at a time you want - Bring the Internet and your own digital content directly on to your TV. You will have access to thousands upon thousands of videos, ready to watch any time you hit the play button. Play and organise your own digital material - Play and view practically all common video, music and photo formats from your personal collection and the Internet in up to 1080p full HD. You can also see what your friends are watching by using the integrated social features to keep up with your friends on Facebook and Twitter plus many other networks. You can share anything you find from your TV directly with your friends across the Web.

#### Designed for comfort:

Settle down on your favourite sofa, put your feet up and relax. You will be amazed at how easy it is to organise and watch content. The fantastic remote handset with a built-in QWERTY keyboard, makes it child's play to browse the Internet or any other content for that matter. No PC required as you have all the PC power you need in one small box.

Its chunky looks are interesting and I think actually enhance the product. Quirky looks or not the Boxee Box delivers power to match a full PC. Using the ad-

vanced Intel Atom CPU chip and the included Wireless N technology, the Boxee Box allows you to easily play the highest quality HD video from the Internet or your own computer network at home. Even more than that, being an open and evolving platform, your Boxee Box will always be right up there. There will be new websites, movies, and TV shows constantly added to the Boxee software too. Furthermore, the Boxee Box has the facility to automatically update itself to ensure you're always getting the latest features and content, without the need to download and install them yourself.

#### HP Envy 100 e-All-in-one Printer

The HP Envy 100 e-All-in-One is a sleek, slim-line printer designed to complement modern home décor and features a high-resolution touchscreen display, whisper quiet operation and a retractable paper tray. It offers the most convenient way to wirelessly print documents and photos.

Designed for home users looking for impressive features from a web-connected e-All-in-One that fashionably fits in any room of the house, the sleek and compact HP Envy 100 e-All-in-One provides a touchscreen display with the highest resolution of all HP printers, transforming the way you print, copy and scan at home. Users can also produce web prints without a PC, and print anywhere, anytime, using apps and HP ePrint. What's more, the HP Envy 100 e-All-in-One is the planet's first PVC-free printer and is considered one of the world's greenest printers. It is a multifunction colour inkjet printer that is easy to setup and is the simplest among the three greenest printers from HP. It has a low noise operation compared to other all in one printers and uses a tri-colour inkjet cartridge.

It can be connected through a USB 2.0 port and features integrated 802.11b/g/n wireless networking, but no Ethernet port. HP Envy 100 e-All-in-One features a 3.5 inch touch screen control panel which contains the printer's controls and printing speeds typically are 30 pages per minute with black ink and 25 pages per minute with colour.

Black text printing with HP Envy is clear but not as clear compared to monochrome laser printing. The HP Envy can be used for printing documents, emails and assignments but is not recommended for printing high quality photos. Photo printing with this printer is not the best because of the usage of a tri-colour inkjet cartridge. The HP Envy produces very little noise when printing which automatically results in a slower printing output compared to other multifunction printers.

One great thing about the HP Envy 100 e-All-in-One is its retractable tray. The paper tray can hold up to 80 sheets of A4 paper and has automatic duplex printing making printing jobs a lot easier.

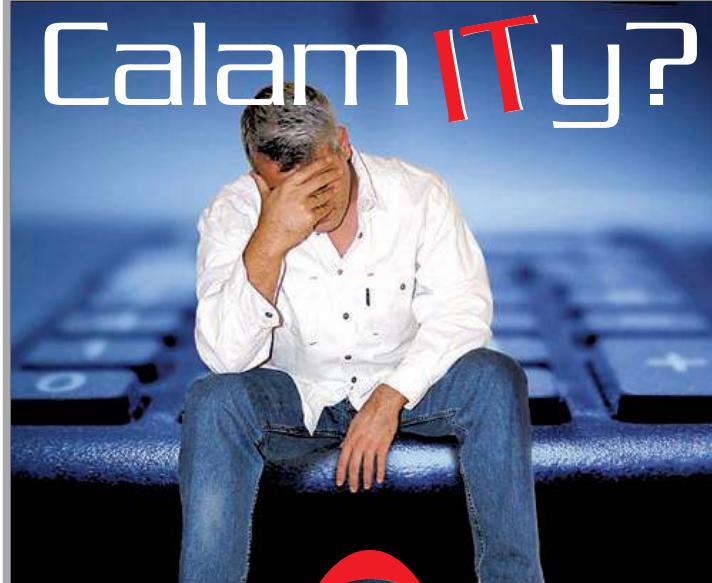
It has a 4800 x 1200 dpi scanner that can produce clear and detailed images. Scanning documents and photos is quiet just like its printing tasks. The flatbed scanner lid does not have articulated hinges which limits the printer in scanning bulkier objects like large books.

#### HP ePrint: if you can email it, you can print it

Every HP Photosmart web-connected and cloud print-enabled printer has a unique simple email address that allows the sender to deliver a print the same way they would send an email message. Customers can also send documents to print through an HP ePrint mobile app on their smartphone device to a home, office or public print location. Customers will be able to send Microsoft Office documents, Adobe PDF's and JPEG image files, among others.



Kurt Pardon • I.T. Director  
PC Surgery and BlueChipIT  
part of the  
Portugal News Group  
info@bluechip-it.com  
Tel: 707 940 332



- Your one-stop surgery for PC's Macs and laptops
- Quality hardware and software supplied
- Repairs without loss of data
- Software and Hard-ware issues resolved
- Upgrades and Technical jargon made simple
- PCs and Macs tailored to your specification
- Fully qualified English/ Portuguese Technicians

**PC SURGERY**  
A name you can trust!



- Free consultation and advice over the phone
- No fix, no fee policy
- Collection and delivery service in the Algarve
- We beat any competitive quote in the Algarve

We repair & maintain  
ANYthing to do with a computer or network.  
Call our Hotline:  
707 940 332



### Festive Season at the Holiday Inn Algarve (formerly Hotel Garbe)

#### APERITIVO'S THEATRE GROUP Presents **Bah! Humbug!**

December 15th Tickets €30 Includes 3 course Indian Dinner with wine and coffee from 7pm, for 7.30pm

I have a dream, three, in fact – as miserly Ebenezer Scrooge is forced to reflect on his Past, face the Present and consider his Future options in this frivolous – and at times darkly humorous version of Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol. The play is set in the drear days of the 1930s depression, but there is nothing dreary about the three – no! four spirits (because the Future can go at least two ways...). Indeed, a Tree of Life motif links Past, Present and Future and results in some startling costumes.



For more information or to book call:  
+ (351) 282 320 260 or email: [info@hialgarve.com](mailto:info@hialgarve.com)

## VVIS kicks off the festive season



It's a commonly shared experience that much of the enjoyment of arriving at a popular destination has been more than matched by the anticipation and the journey there. So is the lead up to Christmas.

International schools around the world are busy preparing end of term celebrations and activities. Vale Verde International School is no exception. Set in idyllic surroundings on the edge of the village of Burgau near Lagos, the school's PA is organising a Christmas Fayre from 2pm – 5pm this coming Saturday 11th December.

Father Christmas will be making a guest appearance, in spite of his very busy schedule. Other attractions will include stalls run by the students, parents and friends of the school, featuring a wide range of attractions including children's games, festive food, white elephant stall and a variety of handicrafts. Even eye tests will be on offer. There will also be a Lucky Dip and a Bouncy Castle.

Further entertainment will be provided by performances of the Escola de Dança de Lagos and musicians from Vale Verde International School.



## Get connected NOW



Calling or  
texting  
Christmas  
Greetings  
can be free  
for you this  
Christmas  
with our  
Super Saver  
Bundle



Call 707 500 600  
[www.worldtelecom.pt](http://www.worldtelecom.pt)

#### SUPER SAVER BUNDLE

Fixed line rental + unlimited free calls to landlines in Portugal, Spain, UK or Germany  
ADSL up to 4 Mbps with unlimited traffic  
• Mobile service with free calls & texts  
• Keep your phone numbers  
• Free Nokia mobile phone  
\*€35.98 a month (+ IVA)

Please note: The above price is your fixed costs for all the services detailed, including the free calls from your fixed line and mobiles, line rental and ADSL. In addition there is a minimum monthly charge of €10.10 (plus IVA) which is a credit for all your other calls from your mobile. You can use a larger value pack if you wish. When you have used this credit, you can top up at any Multibanco machine or via online banking. Please call us so we can explain in full and answer your questions.

ESPECIALISTAS DE VISÃO ~ EXPERTS IN VISION

#### Christmas & New Year Offer

Free single vision prescription sunglasses when you purchase any complete pair of glasses for €109 or more.

Call 282 761 506 or ask in store for details.

Portuguese & British registered optometrists.

Other opticians' prescriptions welcome.

For an appointment please telephone 282 761 506 or visit our new shop located one minute walk from Lidl in Lagos town centre.

Urbanização Cerro do Convento, Santo Amaro, Lote 6 Loja D, 8600-774 Lagos  
telephone +351 282 761 506 mobile +351 925 083 577  
e-mail [info@snoptico.com](mailto:info@snoptico.com) web [www.snoptico.com](http://www.snoptico.com)

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS DINNER & DINNER & DANCE**  
2010  
AT  
Restaurant VALVERDE  
2011

25 December

Christmas Dinner commence 1300 hrs  
5 Course inc wine, beer, water and coffee  
Live Music 1500 -1750 hrs --- € 45

31 December

New Year's Eve the best night in the Algarve commence 2000 hrs, 6 Course inc wine, beer water, coffee & champagne at midnight  
Live Music from 2100 hrs --- € 55

Reserve Your Table

Road to Praia da Luz  
restaurantevalverde  
282789474  
962541124

#### Excellent for finding unusual Christmas gifts

The Farmshop is now open to the public every day from 10 am to 8 pm except for Sundays on EN 125 6 km. west of Portimão.

Further information call 282 185 886 or email: [thefarmshopportugal@gmail.com](mailto:thefarmshopportugal@gmail.com)

- Unique selection of fine wines from the Algarve and Alentejo
- Gourmet products - honey, virgin olive oil, aged balsamic vinegar and pasta
- Chouriços from Monchique and locally made cheeses.
- Preserves, marmalades, chutneys and spices from Jonnie Pratts Good Mood Food range.
- Aloe Vera products.
- Freshly baked bread, cakes and Apfelstrudel from German baker Kalle.
- Cafe with daily dishes, soups and desserts, inside or outside in the wintergarden in front of a roaring fireplace.
- Free Wi-Fi

we would like to wish you...

#### Joyous Christmas Holiday and Prosperous New Year

#### WE ARE OPEN FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

#### Christmas Day Festive Lunch 2010

Start 2.30pm until 7pm

6 course menu

Creamy Chicken and Mushroom in puff pastry  
Melon with Parma Ham and mulled wine syrup  
Freshly made soup of the day with crusty bread

\*\*\*\*\*

Mulled Wine Sorbet

\*\*\*\*\*

Traditional Roast Turkey served with bacon chipolatas, sage and onion stuffing, cranberry sauce, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and all the traditional trimmings

\*\*\*\*\*

Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy cream sauce  
Homemade Cheesecake with strawberries

\*\*\*\*\*

Freshly brewed Tea of Coffee

\*\*\*\*\*

Sweet Treats

Special Price of €50

including free wine and beer

Marina de Lagos, 8600-780 Lagos  
Tel: +351 282 792 384

# Single European Sky performance targets agreed

The committee of experts from European Member States have unanimously agreed the performance targets for the Single European Sky, presented by the European Commission in the areas of environment, capacity/delays, and cost-efficiency for the period 2012 to 2014.



The package will deliver significant safety improvements, fewer delays, lower costs and reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. For example, airspace users are expected to save €340 million per year or more than €1 billion over the whole period, while at the same time harmful CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will be reduced by 500,000 tons a year.

Vice-President Siim Kallas, Commissioner responsible for transport, said: "In line with the discussions I had yesterday in the Transport Council, the Single European Sky has achieved a key milestone in its implementation with this agreement on ambitious but achievable performance targets. This will deliver savings of more than €1 billion, with everyone sharing in the benefits: passengers, companies and the environment. The agreement today is a very significant step forwards. And the Single European Sky is yet another example of where it pays to work together on a European scale."

**Photo left:** European Transport Commissioner Siim Kallas gives a news conference on EU action plan on air cargo security at the EU council headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, 29 November 2010. (Photo: EPA/Olivier Hoslet)

## EU ready in talks with US on personal data agreement to fight terrorism or crime

EU Justice Ministers have approved the start of talks between the European Union and the United States on a personal data protection agreement when cooperating to fight terrorism or crime.

The aim is to ensure a high level of protection of personal information like passenger data or financial information that is transferred as part of transatlantic cooperation in criminal matters.

Once in place, the agreement would enhance citizens' right to access, rectify or delete data when it is processed with the aim to prevent, investigate, detect or prosecute criminal offences, including terrorism.

"Protection of personal data is a fundamental right for EU citizens. To guarantee this right, we need to be ambitious in our approach to personal data protection – both at home and abroad," said Vice-President Viviane Reding, the EU's Justice Commissioner.

"This decision gives us the green light to negotiate a solid and coherent agreement with the United States which balances enforceable rights for individuals with the strong coop-

eration we need to prevent terrorism and organised crime. I look forward to meeting my US counterparts in Washington next week to kick start these important negotiations."

Since 11 September 2001 and subsequent terrorist attacks in Europe, the EU and US have stepped up police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters.

Sharing relevant information is seen as an essential element of effective cooperation in the fight against crime – both within the EU and the US.

One important element is the transfer and processing of personal data for the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of crimes, including terrorism.

The EU and US are both committed to the protection of personal data and privacy. However, they still have different approaches in protecting personal data, leading to some controversy in the past when negotiating information exchange agreements (such as the Terrorist Finance Tracking Programme or Passenger Name Records). The purpose of the negotiations is also to address and overcome these differences.

## Vila Sol SPA SPA Christmas Presents

This Christmas pamper your friends and family with a gift of relaxation and tranquillity.



Buy 6 spa sessions of 50/80 minutes and receive 50 minutes free from the selection SPA Deep Tranquillity.

VILA SOL  
SPA & GOLF RESORT  
ART & NATURE

Vilamoura | t: 289 300 550 | [www.vilasolspa.com](http://www.vilasolspa.com)

## Are you wasting money on your business telecoms?



- How many connections are you paying for that you don't USE?
- Is the cost of your calls in line with the current telecoms market?
- Is your telecoms package applicable for the way your company communicates?
- Do you know exactly what you are paying for ALL your calls?
- Are you getting the cheapest mobile package for your staff?

Allow us to conduct a forensic audit FREE OF CHARGE of all your telecoms and provide answers and solutions to the questions posed.

We will clearly illustrate historically what you should have been paying.

Many companies appreciate our expertise which streamlines their business connectivity and future proof your commercial terms. Remember, our telecoms audit is free and without any obligation.

Call World Telecom today on 707 500 600 and arrange a date for your free telecoms audit.

WORLD  
TELECOM  
*The Telecoms experts*

[www.worldtelecom.pt](http://www.worldtelecom.pt)

# Plane scatters debris over Almada before being forced to return to Lisbon airport



A Boeing 777 plane belonging to Angola's national airline TAAG, was forced to return to Lisbon airport after pieces of metal fell from it across several parts of Almada near the Portuguese capital, after take off on 6 December.

Almada Volunteer Fire Brigade Commander, Vítor Espírito Santo told *Lusa News Agency* that "small metal fragments, around five by 15 centimetres in size belonging to an aeroplane" fell "in at least four places" in Almada.

According to him, no one was injured by the falling pieces of metal but at least one car was hit.

ANA Aeroportos spokesman Rui Oliveira confirmed to *Lusa News Agency* on Monday that the aeroplane in question belonged to Angolan flag carrier TAAG, which had set off for Luanda but immediately turned back and carried out an emergency landing at Lisbon's Portela airport due to technical problems.

He added: "we cannot make a connection between this plane and the fallen pieces in Almada," because "an investigation is being carried out to uncover the fault" of the Boeing 777.

TAAG only resumed its flights to Portugal around a year and a half ago after having been blacklisted by the EU for safety reasons.

Meanwhile, Almada's PSP police and the regional emergency response services (CDOS) did not register any injuries, although a PSP spokesman said that three or

four vehicles and a skylight of a building had been damaged.

Following the incident, a team from the Department of Aeronautical Accident Prevention and Investigation (GPIAA) was sent to collect evidence.

"An analysis will be made of the part of the plane in question – probably the motor. We cannot yet confirm anything, but normally such small pieces are from the motor," said GPIAA Director Fernando Reis.

He added that the investigation itself will not decide who is to blame, which is the responsibility of National Civil Aviation Institute (INAC).

Hussein Juma, a passenger who had been aboard the plane told *TV Not* that "40 to 45 minutes after take off we felt a very strong vibration" and the aeroplane returned to Lisbon. On Monday afternoon, the Angolan airline released a statement guaranteeing that it will assume the "eventual consequences" caused by the fault on the Boeing 777. Although this type of incident is not very common, an Airbus 380 which left from Singapore to Sydney in Australia lost several pieces of metal over the Indonesian island of Bantam, around one month ago.



An airplane from the Angolan Airline TAAG at Luanda airport last year. (Photo: João Relvas / LUSA)

## Foo Fighters to perform in Oeiras

Popular American rock band the Foo Fighters will be performing in Lisbon on 7 July next year as part of the Optimus Alive festival, which takes place every year on the Algés Maritime Walkway, Oeiras.

Foo Fighters are the first band to be confirmed by the promoters of the event, Everything is New.

Formed by former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl, Taylor Hawkins, Nate Mendel and Chris Shiflett, the band has performed several times before in Portugal. They will return in 2011 to take part in what will be the fifth Optimus Alive festival, from 7 to 9 July, along the banks of the Tagus River.

The band's performance will feature new songs from their upcoming seventh album, which is still in the making and will also include collaborations with other guest artists, such as Krist Novoselic, who was once also part of legendary band Nirvana.

This year the Optimus Alive festival featured several bands that made a huge impact in the 90s, such as Faith no More, Pearl Jam and Alice in Chains, as well as more recent names, including LCD Soundsystem, The Drums, Florence + The Machine, The XX, and La Roux.

## Lisbon Town Hall to sell more than 2,000 homes

Lisbon Town Hall is looking to put more than 2,000 council houses up for sale next year in a bid to raise more than five million Euros and reduce the municipal condominium responsibilities.

According to a proposal made by the habitation and heritage councillors, which will be discussed during the next meeting, Lisbon Town Hall is hoping to make around €5.2 million through the sale of at least 160 out of the 2,141 houses available.

Entire council estates will be put up for sale, making the sale preparation process more efficient and to avoid situations of inequality within each estate.

The sale strategy aims to sell estates where at least half of the houses are already privately owned so that entire council estates can become private and the Town Hall will no longer be responsible for their management and condominiums.

In the Casa dos Machados council estate for example, where 204 properties are privately owned, the Town Hall is proposing to put the remaining 720 for sale once their deadline

is up, as council properties cannot be sold privately for 15 years after completion.

A further 835 properties will be for sale in Quinta da Flamenga, where 398 are already privately owned while 14 will be on sale in Alto do Chapeleiro and a further 320 in Bairro da Boavista.

This year, Lisbon Town Hall made €5.1 million from the sale of 168 properties, with a total of 97 million having been made in total between 1995 and 2006 through the sale of 5,600 properties.

During 2008 and 2009, a total of 24 out of the 73 council estates belonging to the capital were put up for sale, with a total of 1,314 houses available. Of these, 128 were sold, making revenue of €5.8 million.

Lisbon Town Hall has said that it will use the revenue gained to buy and refurbish houses as well as to help pay off its debt.

## Lisbon restaurant loses Michelin star

Lisbon-based restaurant Eleven has lost its Michelin star, according to a spokesman from the Lisbon Tourism Association.

Duarte Galvão from the Lisbon Tourism Association told *Lusa News Agency*: "The most significant piece of news is that Eleven has lost its star," during the presentation of the 2011 Michelin Guide to Portugal and Spain, which was held in San Sebastián in Spain.

The new guide features 10 Michelin star restaurants in Portugal, five of which are in the Algarve including Amadeus, São Gabriel, Henrique Leis, Ocean and Willie's. A sixth restaurant in the Algarve, at luxury resort

Vila Joya, is the only eatery in the country to boast 2 Michelin stars.

The remaining five, which are spread across the country, are

Fortaleza do Guincho in Cascais, Tavares in Lisbon, Quinta das Lágrimas in Coimbra, Casa da Calçada in Amarante, and Il Gallo d'Oro in Funchal, Madeira.

ENGLISH DENTAL SURGEON

**Dr. Francis Haley**

B.D.S.

(Guy's Hospital, University of London)

Av. 25 Abril, 184 - 1ºC 2750 - 511 Cascais

Tel: 21 486 3012

<http://clinic.cdhaley.pt>



**President Barack Obama with staff from the Lisbon Marriott Hotel: Dr. Luis Viegas, Administrador da SOTÉIS, Leonor Ramalho Sales and Marketing Director, Hugo Esteves from the Events Department, Ana Caetano PR Manager and Marc Cosyns, Hotel Manager.**

## Lisbon Marriott hotel welcomes US President

**US President Barack Obama stayed at the Lisbon Marriott Hotel during his visit to Portugal for the NATO summit last month.**

Ana Caetano, PR manager of the Lisbon Marriott Hotel told The Portugal News: "The President stayed in the Presidential Suite for three nights."

According to her, the

Marriott was chosen as it belongs to a US hotel chain, which the President uses often during his travels around the world as "he is used to the service and excellent security it provides", but it was the first time that he had

been a guest in Lisbon. "Kind and polite, the President was an extraordinary communicator. He liked our welcome and the personalised service at the Marriott," said Mrs. Caetano.

# IKEA job concerns



Loulé Mayor signing a cooperation agreement earlier this month with representatives from the Swedish brand IKEA, who plan to open a shopping centre in the municipality in 2015.

The Algarve's regional Association for Commerce (ACRAL) has said that it's "worried" about the construction of yet another large commercial centre, following last week's agreement between Swedish group IKEA and Loulé Town Hall, which could see

8,000 jobs in traditional commerce extinguished.

ACRAL spokesman João Rosado told Lusa News Agency: "I believe that the 2,000 jobs that IKEA will create in the Algarve will have the impact of making 8,000 people unem-

ployed in the region's traditional commerce sector, adding to the 24,000 unemployed that already exist in the region."

João Rosado bases his claim on a study carried out by the Catholic University, commissioned by the Portuguese Con-

federation of Commerce in 2004, which showed that for every job created in a shopping centre, four are lost in traditional commerce.

In his opinion many small and medium companies dedicated to the furniture sector in Loulé, especially in Almancil and Boliqueime will feel a lot of pressure from the new store.

ACRAL's worry about yet another shopping centre is also based on the results of a study carried out by the Algarve's Regional Economy Authority, which showed "an excess of large commercial centres in the Algarve" since 2006/2008.

IKEA spokeswoman Ana Teresa told Lusa News Agency that the cooperation contract which was signed on 2 December in Loulé "confirms the Swedish chain's intention to follow through with a project for the Algarve by 2015, and that a way has been found to advance with the project."

Meanwhile, a further €400 million is also due to be invested in Loulé with a project from the Auchan Group named *Alegro Algarve*. This is due to create 4,000 direct jobs in a 40 hectare area between Loulé and the road to Quarteira.

categories such as tourist villas, rural tourism houses and retreats, no longer in use.

Tourism property owners have until the end of this year to re-classify their establishments into one of the categories that continues to exist such as; hotel, tourist apartment, pousada, tourist development and rural tourist development.

Earlier this month however, less than half of the Algarve's tourist accommodation units have applied for the compulsory new classification.

"The process is occurring below our expectation. We expected more business people to follow through, but we believe that there will be an increase in applications until the end of the year," said Nuno Aires, President of the Algarve tourism board during a talk about the process held at the AHETA headquarters in Albufeira on 3 December.

Guest houses, hostels, boarding-houses, motels and inns are some of the accommodation types that will be eliminated from the tourist accommodation classifications from 2011.

The new legislation will see the current 21 categories reduced to just eight, with

## Live life in comfort

The widest selection of linen and towels in the Algarve

PORUGUESE SIZE FITTED SHEETS  
MANUFACTURED IN PORTUGAL EXCLUSIVELY  
FOR LINEN WAREHOUSE.

### NOW IN NEW WINTER STOCK!

BLANKETS, ELECTRIC BLANKETS,  
FLEECY UNDER BLANKETS,  
FLANNELETTE SHEETS  
AND HOT WATER BOTTLES

Monday to Friday 10am - 6PM  
Saturday 10am - 5pm



**LINEN** WAREHOUSE

27 Estrada de Vale d'Eguas - Almancil  
T.289 396 385 - E. [linenwarehouse@sapo.pt](mailto:linenwarehouse@sapo.pt) - [www.linenwarehousealgarve.com](http://www.linenwarehousealgarve.com)

## Now you can shop online and get Algarve Removals to deliver to your door

Simply shop with any major online retailer and we'll deliver to your door in the Algarve within 7 days.

Just follow these 5 simple steps:

- 1 Place your order with any online retailer.
- 2 Assign your consignment to Algarve Removals and let the supplier deliver to our warehouse at Chantry Lane, Boreham, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 3AN.
- 3 Then click on [algarveremovals.com/bookingconfirmation.htm](http://algarveremovals.com/bookingconfirmation.htm) and complete our online booking form.
- 4 We'll check your order on arrival and email to confirm your goods have arrived safely.
- 5 Once your goods have arrived in the Algarve we will call you to arrange delivery/collection.

**Call us now for a FREE quote** **UK Tel: 0044 (0)1245 468888** **Algarve Tel: 00351 289 513851**  
**Mob: 0044 (0)7711 179842** **Mob: 00351 968019226**

**Email: [sales@algarveremovals.com](mailto:sales@algarveremovals.com)** **[www.algarveremovals.com](http://www.algarveremovals.com)**

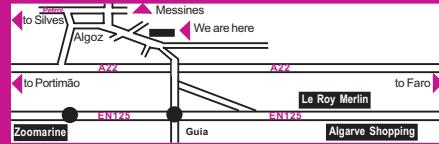
## Let the Magic In

English Supermarket

All your favourite products from the UK we focus on the **BEST** range at the best **BEST** prices with the **BEST** service



Crumpets  
in stock!



Let the Magic In, Algoz  
Call 282 575 061 [weborder@letthemagicin.com](mailto:weborder@letthemagicin.com)

**DON TORO**  
ANGUS STEAK HOUSE

## New Year Menu

Aperitif **€35**

€35

Bruschetta w/red pepper & rocket

Russian salad

Fillet Mignon w/roasted new potatoes, green beans in blankets + Don Toro sauce

Chocolate mousse duo, on raspberry sauce

Aperitivo

Bruschetta

c/pimenta vermelha & rucola

Salada Russa

Lombo c/batata assada, feijão verde envolvido em bacon + molho Don Toro

Duo de mousse chocolate c/molho framboesa

**DON TORO ANGUS STEAK HOUSES**  
ALMANCIL - On the main road between Silves & Quarteira  
OPEN 12:00-15:00 & 18:00-23:00  
FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL 289 355 065



**SPECIALIST LEATHER & FABRIC CLEANING**  
Grime & Stain Removal (Sun lotion, dye, wine etc)

**ULTRA-PROTECT** Prolong the life of your furniture

**TEARS, SCUFFS, COLOUR LOSS, BURNS  
REPAIRED AND RESTORED**



**See photos & videos online**  
**Call Paul 915 432 027**

# Algarve mayors appeal for residents to boycott A22 tolls



Members of the Association of Algarve Municipalities (AMAL) have appealed to the general public to boycott the payment of tolls on the A22 or Via do Infante, which are due to come into force next year.

"The placement of the toll equipment is imminent, with the public tender process already underway," said AMAL President Macário Correia, adding that the government is not interested in speaking with mayors of the Algarve.

In a statement, AMAL say that collectively refusing to pay the tolls is the best way to fight against the "injustice".

Earlier this year, AMAL agreed with the measure of placing tolls on the A22 as long as the EN125 road was renovated first, but are now protesting after the government gave in-

structions to place 10 porticos on the A22 with a view to implementing the tolls.

AMAL requested an urgent meeting with the Prime Minister in October and also last month to ask for the introduction of the tolls to be delayed until the EN125 is renovated, which has so far not been scheduled.

Meanwhile, members of a protest group called the Commission of Via do Infante Users organised a slow moving protest which took place on the A22, against the government proposals at the end of last month.

## 'More Algarve winter flights than ever before'

The Algarve has more flights available during the 2010/2011 winter season than it has ever had before, said Portugal's Secretary of State for Tourism during a charity presentation in Faro on Monday.

"During a difficult time, with the most seasonal difference winter entails, the Algarve has never had so many aeroplane seats available as it currently does," said Bernardo Trindade.

Speaking at a ceremony to present a €65,000 cheque from the Allgarve 2010 Programme revenue to regional charity institutions, Mr. Trindade added that "there has never been as much aerial capacity as there is now."

Despite not commenting on the negative impact caused by the closure of the Groundforce handling company at Faro airport, the Secretary of State for Tourism said that "infrastructures had to be rationalised according to market dynamics."

"The Algarve has the ability to have more alternative air transport, and can by that means reinforce its capacity and respond to the demand," he said.

Last month, Groundforce announced the closure of its operations at Faro airport, collectively firing 336 employees, due to a loss of revenue of around €20 million this year. The company has proposed to maintain the work contracts of seven women who are pregnant or breastfeeding as well as one member of 15 couples who worked for them, as a way to "reduce the effects of collective firing."

Mateus Mendonça, a spokesman from the Airport Handling Union told Lusa News Agency that no collective firing agreement was made, but that Groundforce's proposals will be presented individually to those workers who will then decide whether to accept them or not.



Drivers took part in a slow moving protest along the EN125 on 26 November against government plans to introduce tolls on the A22 motorway. (Photo: Luis Forra/LUSA)

## Celebrating Chanukah in the Algarve



On 5 December 2010, Chanukah was celebrated at the home of Judy and Ralf in Portimão for the 20th time.

The first Chanukah party took place on 8 December 1991.

Therefore one can say without a doubt that Judy relit the flame of Judaism in the Algarve. (The Jewish Community of Faro had ended in 1946)

This year the Chanukah party was so enjoyable.

Twenty-seven people turned up with their picnics in hand. It was a big plus to have with us David Rosenfeld of the Yeshiva College of Brooklyn. He came from Lisbon by bus, where he is staying at the mo-

ment. His brother Eli, sent dreidels, Chanuka gelt, doughnuts, chanukias and candles. All the menorahs, each with 4 candles lit made a beautiful picture!

Everyone joined in singing - *Ma'oz Tzur* (Rock of Ages).

Delicious Doughnuts (made by Suzy Goodkind) went down a treat! Judy and Ralf's home was filled with laughter and lots of voices. The community extends their congratulations to the 5 new members!

Arnaldo Guerreiro had attended the first Chanukah and remains a staunch supporter.

**Algarve mobility**  
Supplying you with the **BEST**  
High Quality Mobility Service in the Algarve

- Rentals and Sales
- NEW and Second Hand Quality Mobility Scooters/Wheelchairs for sale
- Repairs, Spares and Servicing of Mobility Equipment
- Supply and Installation of ALL Mobility Equipment
- All Batteries for mobility Equipment
- Equipment Advice Service
- Access Auditing
- UK Benefits Advice Service
- Personalised Pre-care Assessments

Loja N – Lote 14, Urb. Da Marrateca, Chicanato, Lagos (along the EN125 towards Portimão).

Tel: 282763299 Tm: 915504248  
Calling from UK: 0871 7810772  
e-mail: [algarvemobility@hotmail.com](mailto:algarvemobility@hotmail.com)  
[www.algarvemobility.com](http://www.algarvemobility.com)

**UK'S LARGEST COMBINED PLUMBING & DRAINAGE COMPANY IS NOW IN PORTUGAL**

**Offering Fast Professional Service Through The Algarve**

**DrainDoctor® CANALIZAÇÕES**

**"QUICK AS A WINK!"**

**All Plumbing Drain Cleaning CCTV Surveys** **Jetting Root Removal Drain Relining**

**On Call 24 hours/7 Days A Week**  
**Call: 289 425 480**  
**For Speedy Service**

**PrivateTuition - from €30 per hour**

**Algarve Computer Solutions**

**\* We come to you \***

• Repairs	• Installations
• Upgrades	• Emails
• Routers	• Skype Phones

**NOW IN STOCK - ENGLISH**  
Desktops from €395 & Laptops from €410

For all your computer requirements  
282 471 148 or 962 598 966  
[www.algarvecomputersolutions.com](http://www.algarvecomputersolutions.com)

- Problem With Your Villa Construction Project??
- Builder abandoned your project and you do not know what to do??
- Builder Gone Bankrupt or About to??
- Builder Does not have the correct License/Alvará or illegally using one that does not belong to him??

**Build-4-U-Lda**  
ALVARÁ N.º 5555

Can take on your Project.

Contact: Build-4-U-Lda,  
Fully licensed builders  
e-mail: [build-4-u@sapo.pt](mailto:build-4-u@sapo.pt)  
Tel: Alan McCormick. 919356749

# The show must go on (and it did)!

Despite several set backs, the most severe, a last-minute knee injury that forced the star act to limit their performance to a token gesture, this year's Grand Night of Variety has been hailed by many as "the best to date", raising more than €3,000 for charity.



Vitor do Carmo plays the Guitarra Portuguesa accompanying fado singer Terresa Viola. (Photo: Paul Luckman/Portugal News)

Step back in time 1838 to 1932! Visit

## FARO JEWISH HERITAGE CENTRE

Synagogue Museum

Free Entry

The only remaining vestige of the 1st post inquisition Jewish Presence in Portugal  
BOOK YOUR WALKING TOURS

Open Weekdays 9h30 – 12h30 & 14h00 – 17h00

Tel: FJHC: 289 829 525 • Sr. António (Guide): 925 071 509  
Ralf: 968 440 414 • email: Ralf.Pinto@sapo.pt  
www.farojewishheritagecentre.org/

Free pickups  
from Carvoeiro & Ferragudo area  
Call 282 358 502 to book\*\*\*

## Vale de Milho Golf

Ideal for short game practise!  
Ideal for family golf!  
Ideal for beginners!



BEST VALUE GOLF IN THE ALGARVE  
NO HANDICAP REQUIRED

GREEN FEES 1st November to 31st October 2011  
9 Holes - €19 18 Holes - €30

With Clubs - 9 Holes - €28,50 18 Holes - €45

TWILIGHT PROMOTION UNLIMITED GOLF €25

With Clubs - €40

Valid November - to March: After 2.30pm

Valid April to September: After 3.30pm

Valid October: After 2.30pm

PITCH & PUTT Tuesday and Friday after midday  
and Sunday: All day

9 Holes - €12 18 Holes - €19

With Clubs - 9 Holes - €18 18 Holes - €28,50

\*\*\* Subject to availability. No service at weekends.

Tel: 282 358 502 - Fax: 282 358 497 - Tlm: 919 816 560

E-mails: reservas@valudemilhogolf.com

Web site: www.valudemilhogolf.com

This year the Grand Night of Variety took place at a slightly later date, in December. It was nonetheless, as in previous years, a full house with some 230 people having turned out for the event, held at Lagoa's auditorium.

Behind the scenes though things were slightly less consistent...

Organiser and director of the show, Jenny Grainer, told **The Portugal News** "there were a few unfortunate mishaps, but even so, I think it was the best show to date and on a whole everyone had a great time."

One of the "mishaps" saw traditional compere Ian Carfrael taken ill at the last minute, though he was replaced by Tony Scriven who stepped in and did a "wonderful job."

However, the star act, professional Argentinean Tango dancers Cleo and Alison suffered a worse fate.

"They had already been delayed flying over from the UK because of the snow, but just before they were finally due to board the plane Cleo [the male dancer] slipped on black ice at the airport and damaged his knee."

Because of this the duo were forced to reduce their performance to just one dance, a feat in itself given the extent of the injury.

"It was really nice of them to

have come at all, but to put in a dance, filled with painkillers, it was amazing considering the agony," Jenny Grainer explained, aware that some people may have been disappointed by the curtailed performance.

One member of the audience told **The Portugal News** "This year the show was quality: when we saw the brochure there didn't seem to be as many acts as in previous years, but they really were quality acts. It was a musical extravaganza."

Highlighted by many who saw the show were the Portuguese Fado singers, who were described as "fantastic", guitar player Daryl Bye, "who had everyone singing", and the Stars Dance School dancers, who "lightened things up" with their

tribute to 'Hairspray' and were "absolutely brilliant."

All of the acts donated their time and talents to make the evening the success that it was, in the name of a worthy cause.

A raffle featuring many great prizes, including a David Haines painting, an "enormous" Christmas hamper and bottles of vintage port, among others, further contributed to the total amount raised for the Lagoa fire-fighters, which was €3,006.

For those who are already looking forward to next year's Grand Night of Variety Mrs. Grainer is keeping devotees in suspense, saying "Every year I say no and every year I do another one. But next year... I'm not promising!"

## Portimão market celebrates third anniversary

Portimão's municipal market will be hosting a series of activities, special promotions and entertainment from 11 December, when it celebrates its third anniversary, until 24 December.

A huge cake supplied by the Portimão Hotel and Tourism school will be cut and slices handed out to the public and stall holders from 10am on 11 December to celebrate the market's third anniversary.

There will be special promotions on traditional Christmas products of the Algarve such as cheeses, chouriço sausages, 'medronho' firewater, wines, olive oil and sweet potatoes, throughout December.

An exhibition entitled 'A more ecological and charitable Christmas' created by local school children using recycled materials will be inaugurated on 15 December at the market.

On the same day, children will be able to take part in a toy

recycling scheme at the market, where they can trade used toys between each other.

Health-wise, the market will be hosting free cholesterol checks in association with the Rosa Nunes pharmacy from 5pm until 7pm on 14 December, while on 17 December Portimão's health centre will be raising awareness about healthy eating at the market from 9:30am until midday.

Portimão market will be open on the bank holiday of 11 December from 7am until 2pm, while on Christmas eve and New Year's eve it will close at 3pm. The market will be closed on Christmas day and 1 January.

**BUYING GOLD - OURO & ALL PRECIOUS METALS & Old Oil Paintings**  
**TOP PRICES PAID**  
Don't sell without contacting us  
**HONESTY & SAFETY** 50 years experience  
**Tm: 960 212 008 • 10am - 8pm**  
**English & Portuguese Spoken**

**Pestana STABLEFORD**  
**Christmas Edition**  
Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of December at  
**Gramacho PESTANA GOLF RESORT**  
Green Fee 25€ Prize Money Fee 5€  
Por favor apresente Handicap ao inscrever-se na competição  
Please provide Handicap when entering the competition  
Lunch Buffet 10€ Pro-Shop Prizes to 1st 5 Players  
Tombola Prizes To Players Present at Lunch Almoço Buffet 10€ Prémios Pro-Shop 5 Primeiros Clasificados  
Gramacho PESTANA GOLF RESORT Vale da Pinta Silves Golf Alto Golf Beloura  
Tel: +351 282 346 900 www.pestanagolf.com info@pestanagolf.com



### The Ultimate Christmas Gift

That will never be forgotten!  
A flying experience in a  
Microlight, Seaplane or Balloon  
Starting from €55.

Tel 914 903 384

### Algarve Airsports Centre



## Alan Gale Denture Studio: Exclusive 'Flexident' denture system.

When replacing missing teeth there are a number of potential solutions available, each with its own set of advantages. Here, Alan Gale, founder of the Alan Gale Denture Studio, advises on the main priorities and advantages.

### • Comfort

Ultimate comfort is one of the most important considerations when restoring missing teeth. When considering a removable partial denture, many people find the Flexite flexible partial to be the most comfortable option, and the final restoration can be made very quickly. The results of the flexible partial are beautiful. The flexible partial gives confidence in the restoration while talking, eating, and smiling.

### • Aesthetics

If you can't bear the thought of visible metal clasps then the flexible partial is an option. The flexible unique material blends with the surrounding tissue, providing virtually invisible support and a more pleasing smile.

### • Expense

If cost is a primary consideration, removable restorations are the most affordable solution and the results can look totally natural. Flexible partials blend in with natural tissues and become invisible in the mouth.

### • Flexite flexible dentures.

It was long thought that removable partial dentures had to be rigid to be effective. The innovation of the flexible partial allows the restoration to adapt to the constant movement and flexibility in your mouth. This is the underlying thinking behind Flexite innovative flexible removable partial denture. Flexible partials are comfortable, affordable, virtually invisible, non-invasive, lightweight, strong and durable. Millions of patients have already discovered the benefits of wearing flexible dentures.

### • Removable partial dentures.

Removable partial dentures are custom made appliances that should



be taken out periodically for cleaning. They are generally affordable and require only a short time to make.

Now available are removable partial dentures that are practically invisible and very comfortable.

In the past removable partial dentures were only made with metal or acrylic. Today there are flexible partial dentures that are comfortable, lightweight and completely metal free. Flexite partials are also aesthetic and virtually invisible, so nobody needs to know that you are missing your natural teeth. Flexite flexible partials give you something to smile about. They are a comfortable and affordable choice. The flexibility, combined with strength and light weight provides total comfort and great looks. The injection-moulding process used in fabricating flexible dentures can also be used to fabricate guards, durable sports mouth guards, available in blue, pink and transparent colours. Alan Gale Denture Studio, which is medical devices registered, also offers two-hour denture repairs, two-hour tooth additions, and two-hour replacement clasps to conventional acrylic, and chrome cobalt dentures. Same day repairs are also available.

Dr. Alan Gale is proud to provide a full service to the dental profession.

## Festive food at Let the Magic in!



At Let the Magic in you can buy ALL your favourite British groceries. Special Christmas stocks have now arrived to make sure you have everything you need for the party season.

Fresh parsnips, swedes, sprouts, baking potatoes, Bramley Apples, cranberries, double cream and Rodda's clotted cream, will all be available after 21 December, ensuring they are at their freshest. Lots and lots of lovely crumpets are also on the way.

Based in Algoz the shop comprises 1,080 feet of shelves brimming with goodies from the UK. Six fridges are packed with delicious cheeses, cream, Greek yoghurt, black pudding, gammon joints, dips, cooking fats, fresh milk and butter. Nine freezers stock household name products like Aunt Bessie's, Linda McCartney, Weight Watchers and Youngs - ranging from jam roly-poly to scampi, smoked haddock to blackcurrant cheesecake and the whole world in between.

Not only do Let the Magic In pride themselves on their unbelievable range and lowest prices, but they offer their customers so much more. My TV Algarve is a magazine available every Tuesday with enough entertaining reading, full satellite TV guide and puzzles to keep you busy. A Loyalty Card that, when scanned at the till, gives you an INSTANT discount on all the prod-

ucts they import. And now they are able to offer a printing service with

black and white copies as low as 6c, flyers, leaflets and posters in full colour A3, brochures and folded publications. While you are there, don't forget to look through the 12,000 greeting cards in stock or the thousands of books in the book exchange. Gift vouchers and hampers are also available. With the customer in mind, Let the Magic In have available in-store several helpful leaflets including a 'Christmas Order Form' to ensure you get all your goodies for the festive season, a 'Countdown to Christmas' leaflet to help you plan the days before Christmas so you don't forget anything and a 'Turkey Success' leaflet giving you various ways to ensure your turkey dinner is the best ever.

If you are looking for a specific item, phone now to ensure it is available, or ordered and delivered in time. There are plenty of mince pies as well as the obligatory Quality Streets. All deliveries to Let the Magic In are by temperature controlled vehicles, so you can be sure that everything has been stored correctly by professionals and fully documented right up until it is served to you, the consumer. Visit Let the Magic In and discover for yourself that it really 'does exactly what it says on the tin'!

## DOMUS – heat for your home and more

With the cold chill of winter now upon us, electric underfloor heating is a highly efficient way of keeping warm, cost effectively, supplied and professionally installed by DOMUS

Although underfloor heating may seem like a luxury, the fact that it needs NO oil, gas, logs or maintenance means it is an ideal choice for providing a comfortable room temperature and keeping your feet warm.

With more than 10 years experience, DOMUS specialises in the Deviheat electric floor heating system which offers a 10 year guarantee on cables. This modern and invisible, heating system consisting of Deviflex electric heating cables embedded under the flooring and unobtrusive Devireg electric thermostats. The Deviflex cables are embedded 3 to 8 cm under the floor surface and provide a strong, maintenance-free heating installation, with a service life just as long as for the other electric cables in the house.

Generally speaking, Deviheat is up to 40% cheaper to install than other heating systems with similar abilities, being up.

Having solved your home heating, DOMUS can also provide you with a beautiful new floor as they supply traditional and exclusive handmade Portuguese 'Castelo' wall and floor tiles. These come in a variety of colours and designs, which will lend any room



in your home a distinct atmosphere.

As well as heating solutions and traditional tiles, DOMUS also stocks a wide range of beautiful stylish furniture, imported from all over the world and not available anywhere else in the Algarve. Their range includes strong traditional wooden tables and chairs, decorative accessories such as lamps, vases, pottery, candle holders and much more.

Resident artist Martha Visser also exhibits her vivid paintings in the DOMUS showroom, which can be snapped up to liven any room. (See [www.marthasart.com](http://www.marthasart.com))

With discounts up to 50% on stock until the new collections arrive in New Year, now is the perfect time to visit DOMUS!

This Week's profiles:



### Alan Gale Denture Studio

For more information, contact the Alan Gale Denture Studio on: (+351) 282 442 302, mobile: 916 717 113, or email: [alan.ivor.gale@gmail.com](mailto:alan.ivor.gale@gmail.com).



### Domus

For more information, please contact DOMUS by telephone on: 289 322 852 or fax: 289 322 894 or email: [domusheating@mac.com](mailto:domusheating@mac.com), or [domvs@mac.com](mailto:domvs@mac.com). Alternatively see website: [www.domus-tiles.com](http://www.domus-tiles.com). Visit the 200sqm showroom on the EN125 near Vilamoura, open weekdays 10am until 1pm and from 2pm until 6pm and Saturday mornings



### Móveis Malheiro

For more information please contact the friendly team on 282 491 583 or email: [moveis.malheiro@mail.telepac.pt](mailto:moveis.malheiro@mail.telepac.pt). Alternatively visit the website at [www.moveismalheiro.com](http://www.moveismalheiro.com).

## Móveis Malheiro - See it to believe it



Móveis Malheiro, a family run business in a huge four storey-shop with thousands of items to decorate and furnish your home, wishes all of its customers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Established for more than 20 years, Móveis Malheiro is filled to the brim with furniture, decorative items, soft furnishings and much more; an ideal place to buy a few festive gifts for your home or someone else's!

Diversity is definitely a strong point of the shop, and the most pleasing aspect of it all is, despite the huge quantity, that quality has not been lost with 90% of items being sourced from Portuguese suppliers.

Contemporary or classic, steel, wood or glass, rustic or modern furnishings are found throughout, assembled in several areas so different setups can be appreciated.

Sofas, bedside tables, beds, mirrors, dining tables, chairs, coffee tables, paintings, lights, chandeliers, wardrobes, display units, creative furniture, rugs and more fill the 1,250 sq metre showroom, surrounding customers with choice in abundance.

Mattresses are another good bet at Móveis Malheiro as they receive sample-size mattress cuttings so clients can see for themselves the quality and the cushioning it provides before ordering it.

All soft furnishings, bed and cushion covers, curtains and more will be fitted to size to the clients' requirements.

There is also a garden furniture section in an adjacent shop with high quality, good priced furniture to style your garden.

Móveis Malheiro has three vans and a large team of staff to deliver and assemble purchased items, at no extra cost.

Through years of dedicated service and the supply of such a vast range of quality items, Móveis Malheiro has a huge amount of business through client recommendation. The showroom is open Monday to Saturday from 9:00am until 7:00pm, with a lunch break between 1:00pm and 3:00pm.

It is located in Malheiro, Portimão, between the Barlavento Hospital and Monchique/A22 access. Follow signs posted on the Malheiro roundabout.



## Let the Magic in!

For more information, contact Let the Magic In, on: 282 575 061, or email: [weborder@lethemagicin.com](mailto:weborder@lethemagicin.com).

If you would like us to profile YOUR business, call our Sales Manager on 707 500 677.

## Algarve Bowls

### Tigers Roar Again – Vikings Plunder Vulcans

Tavira Tigers enjoyed a welcome return to winning ways with a 75-28 victory over the Amendoeira Nuts, taking all eight points. The two Valverde sides clashed and the Vikings emerged triumphant, beating the Vulcans by 67-35 and adding the full eight points to their total and consolidating their impressive title challenge. Earlier in the week, Vikings had played the Alvor Gladiators in a rearranged fixture and also won that by 48-42 and earning a further six points to two. Alvor Harlequins were at home to the PDF Crusaders, both teams showing good form recently. Harlequins came out on top by 69-34 and took six points to the Crusader's two.

The top of the table clash was at Albufeira where the Cats entertained the visiting Greens. Cats put even further distance between themselves and their near-

est challengers by winning 58-49 and taking six points to two. Greens losing their first game of the season. Alvor Gladiators made the short journey to PDF to play the Sinners and came away with an excellent win by 54-39 and eight points to nil. Overat Pedras, the home side had a very close and tense match against the visiting Alvor Amigos. Pedras just edging home by 51-50 and by six points to two.

Cats remain firmly out in front with 66 points followed by the Vikings, up into second with 60 points. Greens slip to third on 53, whilst Harlequins have 48, equal with the Crusaders. Gladiators are on 44, Panthers have 34 and Amigos are eighth with 33 points. Tigers on 29, Vulcans with 16, Sinners on 13 and Amendoeira with 12 points complete the table. *Alan Clarke – League Director*

### J.P.'s Forget-Me-Not Day

Thursday, 17 November was a very special day for all members of the Alvor Club, a day when friends and family got together for a competitive day of bowls in memory of John Palinski or JP as he was universally and affectionately known. The 17<sup>th</sup> November was John's birthday, but he sadly passed away a few months ago, having run the bowls club with Connie for some years. His ready wit and often unconventional approach to bowls club management will be sadly missed.

A total of eighty bowlers (in sixteen teams of five players each) from Clubs all along the Algarve, took part in this new competition which will be played annually, with all proceeds (1,160 euros) going to John 'Sam' Palinski's Forget-Me-Not Fund with Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research (www.beatbloodcancers.org).

The family had put up a beautiful trophy and competition was fierce, the standard of bowling appropriate to the occasion despite a very wet start to the day.

*Alan Clarke*



2010 JP Trophy Winners: Jack Pendley, Judy Dreher, Alan Clarke, Janice Clarke and John Jones

## The Algarve Juniors bring the Spirit of Christmas

The Algarve Juniors, a Performance Arts group based in Almancil are having a very busy run up to Christmas. The children opened the 'Christmas Cracker Show' for the Angels Theatre Group on Saturday 4 December at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Armação de Pêra. Here they sang their way beautifully through an introduction of three festive songs ending with an adorable a cappella of the traditional

'Silent Night'.

All dressed in red and white complete with Christmas hats, they really brought home the feeling that Christmas has arrived.

On the following day Sunday 5 December the Algarve Juniors then performed a half an hour set on stage at the '3 Charities Christmas Fair' at the Vale do lobo Auditorium.

The children really encapsulated the spirit of Christmas and

sung their hearts out. A highlight of the show was the duet between Ella Smith and Eloise Hudson, both just twelve years old, who gave a confident and splendid rendition of 'All I want for Christmas' which got huge applause. With children as young as five on stage for the first time it was an event to melt any heart.

The budding stars last step on stage was on Wednesday, 8 December at the Vila Sol Hotel in Vilamoura for the Spirit of Christmas Fair for their third and final performance. All three events were in support of charity... well done Algarve Juniors!

### Valverde Joins Bowls Portugal



Picture of the Valverde Bowls Club green at Almancil

Following up on last month's successful Eurofinesco sponsored Bowls Portugal tour of Spain, and the sweeping management changes reported at the Bowls Portugal AGM, the World Bowls representatives in Portugal received more good news last week.

At the management committee meeting held last Friday, Valverde Bowls club at Almancil, the first club in Portugal to be owned and run by the members, voted to join Bowls Portugal. It is understood that they made this decision to improve the opportunities for their members to represent Portugal in the international bowling matches held throughout the world every year, and in order to become members of World Bowls.

This Valverde decision is a significant development for Bowls Portugal, who already count Vila de Luz, another of the Algarve bowling clubs successfully owned and managed by their members, as part of the Federation.

The newly elected President of Bowls Portugal John Hewitson on his return from the snowbound UK, expressed on behalf of all the members of Bowls Portugal, his delight at the decision taken by Valverde. He stated that "The interest shown by many bowlers and clubs in

Portugal, as well as our associates just across the border in Spain is very encouraging and extremely exciting for the new team organising Bowls Portugal. We will be organising a full programme of events and competitions for all our members in the coming year. We shall be developing a Bowls Portugal squad to play at international level from the many talented and eligible bowlers in the country on the World Bowls circuit. We shall also be endeavouring to invite the Portuguese people especially, and to develop a junior participation in our sport and promote it as a sport for all ages. We already have a valuable sponsorship deal from Eurofinesco, for which we are extremely grateful and would invite any other interested would be sponsors to contact one of the committee members.

If you would like to join Bowls Portugal, the membership fee for individual bowlers is only £5.00 a year, and all are welcome no matter what club you play for, if any. If you would just like to play lawn bowls, and perhaps represent your country one day, give me a ring on 289 360849 or email me at [tony.gilbert@sapo.pt](mailto:tony.gilbert@sapo.pt). I would love to hear from you!

*Tony Gilbert Secretary,  
Bowls Portugal*

### WRVS Social Tea

The next Social Tea will take place in the British Retirement Residence at Quinta da Fonte, S Pedro do Estoril on Tuesday 21 December at 3:00 pm.

Minimum donation for WRVS charity £1.

To celebrate the Christmas season of Good Cheer, they will have a festive and fun Quiz.

All club items are welcome on this page.  
Please send your stories to  
[copy@theportugalnews.com](mailto:copy@theportugalnews.com)



### The President's Baffy

The Royal British Club Golf Society played their last tournament of the year, for the President's Baffy, at the Estoril Golf Course. It was a brisk 3 degrees when the first group teed off! – so with frozen fingers and toes, 36 players, including guests, made their way round a muddy, cold course. "At least it isn't training" was the only comment to be heard". The hard going, and obviously frozen players, showed in some very low scores.

This year's Captain, Ron Goddard, was the only player to play to his handicap, coming first with 36 points and winning the President's Baffy. Second place was won by Alastair Ferguson with 33 points and third by Margot Zimmerli with 30. Fourth prize went to Graham Dewart with 28, fifth to Hans Ludolphi with 26 and 6<sup>th</sup> place to Brenda Leitão with 25 points. Brenda also won the Newstead Trophy.

The D'Arcy Orders Cup – for the Best Gross score of the day was won by Ron Goddard, The Nearest the Pin for the Men was won by Hans Ludolphi who received the bottle of Taylor's Port but, as none of the Women man-

aged the Nearest the Pin in Two on the 6<sup>th</sup> Hole – the bottle of Taylor's Pink Port was presented instead to Jean Judd. The Guest Prize was awarded to Karin Dekker, the Cow Bell to Sue Leite Monteiro, the Top Ten Winner was Max Zimmerli and the lucky winner of the Captain's Mini Cow Bell – Atlantis crystal tumbler – was Anita Beselin.

The 2010 trophy winners were: The Graham Paine Memorial Trophy to Ewan Rankin, the Alan Jones Trophy Best Eclectic (Nett) to David Jackson, the Dai Evans Trophy Best Eclectic (Gross) to Ron Goddard. Earlier in the year Chris Goulding won the Silver Jubilee plate.

The Charity that our Lost Ball Fund chose to support this year was the Royal British Legion Lisbon Memorial Fund, and a cheque for Euros 400 was presented to their representative Mark Hammer.

The Gala dinner was held at the Hotel Inglaterra in Estoril and members were appreciative of the warm atmosphere and enjoyable meal. The evening ended with Ron handing over to the 2011 captain, Bill Buxton.



Caption: Future and Present Captains, Bill Buxton and Ron Goddard

## Algarve Bike Rides

### Wednesday 8 December 2010:- Bike ride starting in

Alcantarilha, We meet at the Aldi Supermarket car park at 12:45pm for a 1:00pm start. .

This will be a moderately challenging ride of around 30km on a mixture of dirt tracks and tarmac. There will be a cafe stop somewhere along the way

### Saturday 11 December :- Bike Ride starting at Chillimans.

We meet at Chillimans on the Almancil to Quarteira road at 12:45pm for a 1:00pm start. This will be a moderately challenging ride on a mixture of dirt tracks and tarmac roads and there will be a cafe stop somewhere along the way

For more information call Paul Beesley on 913226954 or e-mail: [paul.beesley@sapo.pt](mailto:paul.beesley@sapo.pt) or you can visit 'Algarve Bike Rides' on Facebook.

## Simple & Chic - a combined effort ...

Friday night, November 26, had all the elements for an unforgettable evening as all who attended will agree. Oeiras International School (OIS) set the scene with its *Simple & Chic* dinner event.

It had a beautiful venue, fabulous food, great music, first rate performances and the warmth and good cheer of all who were present. With the support of the Câmara de Oeiras, the event was held at the Fundação de Oeiras in Edifício AITEC whose beautiful tiles and grand entrance set the perfect stage for what was to follow.

Aldeia Catering's gourmet menu, which included such delights as wild mushroom risotto, peppered pork loin with chocolate sauce followed by chocolate mousse cheesecake with amaretto whipped cream shots, was served on elegantly laid tables.

The supper-club feel contin-

ued with the entertainment provided by CAP. The Creative Arts Project (CAP) at OIS, coordinated by Ms. Maria Blanquet Brás, is an arts initiative which goes beyond the school yard and reaches out to the community.

As CAP is open to all, the association includes students, parents, teachers, members of the local community and the instructors are leaders in their art. There were quality performances by the Fox Choir, the OIS Trio, Massimo Cavalli, Ms. Rebecca Fox, Ms. Callie Welstead, and the OIS Boys Band.

The evening finished with "What a Wonderful World" sung by Ms. Maria Brás and farewell words by Mrs. Chari Empis, Principal OIS. *Simple & Chic* was a huge success and the proceeds of the dinner benefited the Centro de Idosos da Paróquia de São Julião da Barra.



## Christmas

SERVICE  
FOR ALL AGES  
SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 19, 2010  
11.00 a.m.

St. Andrew's Church  
Rua da Arriaga 13, 1200-608 Lisbon  
Advent and Christmas Hymns  
A Guest Choir  
A Special Guest - SANTA CLAUS  
Mulled Wine and Mince Pies  
to follow the service  
[www.standrewslisbon.com](http://www.standrewslisbon.com)

## Our greatest need at Christmas

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator; If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist; If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist; If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would

have sent us an entertainer; But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Saviour.

More Community News stories can be found on page 30.

## St. Andrew's Society Ball

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November, The St. Andrew's Society of Lisbon once again celebrated its annual Ball in grand style at the Hotel Palácio, Estoril. It was a chilly night as guests were greeted at the hotel by the skirl of the pipes. Members of the Grampian Police Pipe Band provided a highland welcome having managed to escape a snow covered runway at Aberdeen airport the previous day. Traditional tunes filled the air and there was no doubt that an evening packed with both nostalgia and jollification was in store. Chieftain David Wilkie and other members of the committee officially welcomed both old and new faces and soon guests were enjoying a cocktail reception in the elegance of the most gracious hotel in Estoril before moving on to the ballroom for dinner.

The Reverend Graham McGeoch from St. Andrews Church in Lisbon opened the evening with a Celtic Grace which was unfortunately interrupted by a power fault. Undaunted, Graham completed his prayer. After a delicious platter of Smoked Salmon, the sound of the pipes announced the arrival of the traditional haggis (generously flown in by "Distant Brits") which was given a grand address by Norman Reid. Noise levels rose as appetites were satisfied and thanks to our sponsors, Prime Drinks, the smooth Balvenie whisky flowed. We were also grateful to Dirk Willem Gesink (Gesink Turismo Náutico Lda./O Leão Holandês) for his contribution to the evening. Further tunes from the Grampian Police Pipe Band continued to entertain guests throughout the delicious dinner.

John Goldsbroughs "Toast to Scotland" was well received by St. Andrews Society Secretary, Theresa Adams at [adams@sapo.pt](mailto:adams@sapo.pt)



International Community Church, Lagos  
Travessa de Santo Amaro 5, Lagos  
[www.icc-lagos.org](http://www.icc-lagos.org)

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY CAROL SERVICE**

You are warmly invited to our family Christmas service on Sunday 19th December at 10:30 a.m.  
Festive refreshments will be served after the service !!

## We wish you a Merry Christmas!



Gertrud Dürnholz plays the Spirit of Christmas Present

The Spirit of Christmas Present gives professional Grumpy Old Man Ebenezer Scrooge a much needed lesson in *Bah Humbug!*, a new version of the old Dickens' classic A Christmas Carol, presented by the multinational and multilingual Aperitivo Performance Group.

The show is colourful and funny despite being set in the Depression years of the 1930s (although Tim is as flexible as might be expected in a story which visits both the Past and the Future). It can be seen in three locations this year. Firstly, on the 10 and 11 of December, at 19.30, at the group's home location of the Museum, São Brás, where appropriately festive food and drink will be available. Entrance at this location is €10.

The second opportunity is a dinner theatre presentation at the Holiday Inn Algarve at Armação de Pêra on the 15 December, dinner begins at 19.00.

The last performance will be at the 'fringe' theatre of AL-MaSRAH in Tavira on 17 December. This performance will be at the comparatively late hour of 21.30, excellent timing for those who would like to eat first at one of the many cafés and restaurants in Tavira. The theatre itself - small, basic, but with a great atmosphere and a good view (tiered, bench seating - bring a cushion!) is perfectly located in the centre of town, just across from the Cine-Theatro and the Banco Espírito Santo. Tickets for this show are a mere €5.

For more information phone 966329073 or contact: [aperitivoperformancegroup@gmail.com](mailto:aperitivoperformancegroup@gmail.com), [admin@amigos-museu-sbras.org](mailto:admin@amigos-museu-sbras.org)

or visit the website of the Friends of the Museum at [www.amigos-museu-sbras.org](http://www.amigos-museu-sbras.org)

**COME VISIT US TODAY TO SEE OUR FANTASTIC COLLECTION!**

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO TURN A PARTY INTO A DREAM PARTY!**



- Balloon Delivery / Decorations / Printing
- Party Themes - Hello Kitty / Ben Ten & many more!
- Party Bag Fillers
- Cake Decorations
- Party Table Decorations
- Costumes

**PARTY LAND**  
"Where Fun Parties Begin"

Party Land: Av. Ceuta, Edif. D. Manuel I, Bloco A, Loja A, Quarteira  
Tel: 289 380 602 • [solucoesalegres@gmail.com](mailto:solucoesalegres@gmail.com) • [www.partyland.pt](http://www.partyland.pt)

## PREVIEW

## SOUTH

## Albufeira New Years' Eve Bash

There will be plenty of excitement, entertainment and music to see during the New Years' celebrations in Albufeira. The city will be hosting the 2010 Grand Gala 'Pop Idol' final. And then following on from the now famous fireworks display, Diego Miranda, one of the most famous DJs at the moment will be building up the crowd, accompanied by a variety of artists on vocals.

## Portimão News Years' Eve

The arrival of the New Year will be sparkling with the infectious rhythms of different artists who will make this New Years' Eve an unforgettable occasion. At midnight, the Portimão waterfront will boast a huge fireworks display, and at the same time, there will be a dazzling show of pyrotechnics in Praia da Rocha and Alvor. This year's live music will be performed by the Portuguese idol Tony Carreira from 00:15am at the waterfront.



## CENTRE

## Optimus Alive Fan Pack

Are you still looking for that original gift? We have a suggestion that any music lover will love to receive this Christmas. Event organisers 'Everything is New' have revealed that the Fan Pack will be available in time for the festive season. The pack includes a special three-day pass, an exclusive t-shirt, access to the VIP area as well as a guided tour around the arena, including backstage, where you can meet some of the artists who will be performing. The music festival Optimus Alive'11 will take place on 7, 8 and 9 July at Passeio Marítimo Algés in Oeiras, Lisbon. The only band confirmed so far is the Foo Fighters.

Foo Fighters



## UP AND COMING CONCERTS

## DECEMBER

## MGMT &amp; AMITH WESTERNS

18 Dec Campo Pequeno, Lisbon. Tickets from €30.

## AUREA

18 Dec Coimbra Fnac.

## ANA MOURA

25 Dec Lisbon Casino.

## JORGE PALMA

25 Dec MusicBox in Lisbon.

## TONY CARREIRA

31 Dec Portimão riverfront.

## XUTOS E PONTAPÉS

31 Dec Terreiro do Paço Lisbon.

## RUI VELOSO

31 Dec Lisbon Casino.

## JANUARY

## THE LEGENDARY TIGERMAN

22 Jan at Oporto Coliseu.

## DEOLINDA

22 Jan at Oporto Coliseu.

## THE YOUNG GODS

30 Jan Santiago Alquimista in Lisbon.

## FEBRUARY

## RODRIGO LEÃO

5 Feb at Coliseu dos Recreios, Lisbon.

## SKUNK ANANSIE

7 Feb Coliseu, Oporto from 9pm.

Tickets from €25. 8 Feb Coliseu dos Recreios, Lisbon from 9pm.

Tickets from €29.

## APRIL

## NAS &amp; DAMIAN MARLEY

14 Apr Pavilhão Atlântico from 8:30pm.

## JULY

## BON JOVI

31 Jul Parque da Bela Vista, Lisbon. Tickets from €55.

Most tickets are available at FNAC and Worion outlets across the country, ATM machines, Abreu agencies, El Corte Inglés, Casa Viva, Ticketline or at the event itself on the night.

Websites: [www.pavilhaoatlantico.pt](http://www.pavilhaoatlantico.pt) / [www.ticketline.pt](http://www.ticketline.pt) / [www.blueticket.pt](http://www.blueticket.pt) Phone numbers: Ticketline 707 234 234 / 707 780 000

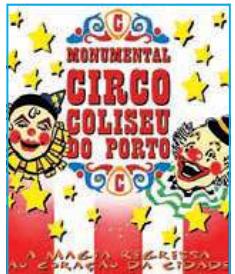
## NORTH

## CHILDREN

**Cinderella** until 12 December at Balleteatro in Oporto. Call 225 508 918.

**Circo Girasol** music workshop aimed at children from 0 to 18 months on Sunday, 12 December at Casa da Música in Oporto at 11:30am and at 3pm. Tickets: €10.

**Monumental Circus** until 19 December at Coliseu in Oporto. Tickets: €6 - €16. Call 223 394 940.



## CHRISTMAS

**Christmas Fantasy** Disney movies soundtracks performed by the Oporto Orchestra on Friday, 17 December at Casa da Música in Oporto from 9pm. Tickets: €17.



**Natal** Christmas exhibition until 22 December at Palacete dos Viscondes de Balemão.

**O Natal da Árvore** until 31 December at Árvore on Rua Azevedo de Albuquerque in Oporto. Visit [www.arvorecoop.pt](http://www.arvorecoop.pt).

**Christmas Bazaar** exhibition at Serralvez museum until 31 December.

## EXHIBITIONS

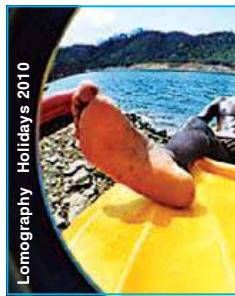
**Photographs** on a Journey by João Tuna at Teatro Nacional São João in Oporto until 18 December.

**Look Up! Natural Porto** art Show about Oporto architecture and design throughout the city of Oporto until 19 December. Visit [www.lookupporto.com](http://www.lookupporto.com) for more information.

**Bodies Revealed** at Congress Centre of Alfândega in Oporto until 31 December.

**Lomography Holidays 2010** until 1 January 2011 at the Lomography Embassy in Oporto. Visit [www.lomografiaportugal.com](http://www.lomografiaportugal.com)

**It's Not My Fault** sculptures at Berardo Modern and



## CENTRE

## CHILDREN

**A Arca** aimed at 7 to 11-year-old children on Tuesday, 14 until 17 December at São Jorge castle in Lisbon. Call 218 800 620.

**Mae-Mão Show** show aimed at children from 6 months to 3 years from 13 to 22 December at Cascais cultural centre. Tickets: €5. Call 915 816 108.

**Fashion Training** for children running until February at FRM Formação Aldeia do Juso in Cascais. Call 963 956 541 on visit [www frm-formacao.com](http://www frm-formacao.com)



## FAIRS

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banzaip.pt](http://www.banzaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

**Porto Belo market** inspired on the London Portobello market every Saturday at Praça de Carlos Alberto in Oporto from 11am to 5pm.

## MUSIC

**Virtuos Clarinete** on Saturday, 11 December at Casa da Música in Oporto from 6pm.

**Hand-made music** @digitópia on Saturday, 11 December at Digitópia at Casa da Música in Oporto from 9:30pm.

**Fado Antigo, Fado Novo** on Saturday, 11 December at Teatro Sá da Bandeira in Oporto from 9:30pm. Tickets: €10 - €25.

**Russian Army from St Petersburg** are a Russian choir, that will be performing on Sunday, 12 December at Casa da Música in Oporto from 5pm at again at 8pm. Tickets: €41.

**Music in the chamber** on Tuesday 14 December at Casa da Música in Oporto from 7:30pm. Tickets: €7.50.

**David Murray plays Nat King Cole in Spanish** on Tuesday, 14 December at Casa da Música in Oporto from 10pm. Tickets: €30.

**Fantasy about Fantasy** symphonic orchestra accompanied by Disney movies on Friday, 17 December at Casa da Música in Oporto from 10am, 12pm and 9pm. Tickets: €2.

**Christmas Bazaar** exhibition at Serralvez museum until 31 December.

## EXHIBITIONS

## OuTonalidades

until 18 December at Estarreja Cine-Teatro in Oporto. Call 234 811 300.

## SPORT

**International Jumping competition** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Leça do Balio in Oporto. Tickets: €7.50 - €25. Children under 12 go free. Visit [www.csiporto.com](http://www.csiporto.com) for more information.

**Casa-Carousel** by Fátima Medonça until 31 December at Gallery 111 in Lisbon. Call 217 819 907.

**Bicos** by Eduardo Batarda until 31 December at Gallery 111 in Lisbon.

**Regis Gonçalves** paintings until 4 December at Galeria Colorida on Rua Costa do Castelo in Lisbon.



## ENTERTAINMENT

## Ice Ring

now open at the Cais Gaia in Lisbon until January.

## EXHIBITIONS

## THEATRE

**Super Disco** on Saturday, 11 December at Teatro Maria Matos from 6:30pm.

**Tangible** on Saturday, 11 December at Teatro Maria Matos from 9:30pm. Tickets: €7.50 - €15.

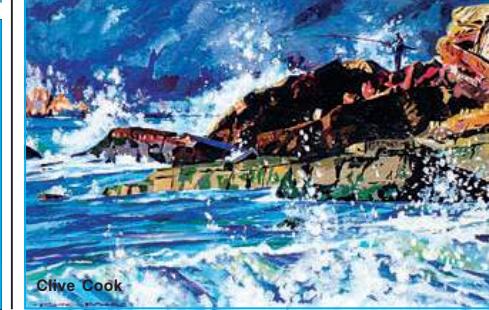
**InSHADOW** on Saturday, 11 December at São Luiz municipal theatre on Rua António Maria Cardoso from 10am. Call 213 257 640.

**The Importance of Being Earnest** by the Lisbon Players on Saturday, 11 December from 9:30pm. Call 213 961 946 or visit [www.lisbonplayers.com.pt](http://www.lisbonplayers.com.pt).

**InArte** videos about the performing arts from Monday, 13 until 19 December at São Luiz municipal theatre in Lisbon from 10am. Conference on 18 December from 9:30am to 5pm. Call 213 257 640.

**Snapshots** until 19 December at Teatro Nacional D. Maria II in Lisbon. Tickets from €12. Call 213 250 835.

**The Nutcracker and the Mouse King** until 22 January at Teatro Armando Cortez in Lisbon. Tickets between €6,50 and €13. Call 217 110 895.



Clive Cook

Contemporary art museum until 9 January 2011.

**Let's Talk About Houses** Berardo Modern and Contemporary art museum until 16 January 2011.

**Fragments** at Berardo Modern and Contemporary art museum until 23 January 2011.

## FAIRS

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

**Porto Belo market** inspired on the London Portobello market every Saturday at Praça de Carlos Alberto in Oporto from 11am to 5pm.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

**Porto Belo market** inspired on the London Portobello market every Saturday at Praça de Carlos Alberto in Oporto from 11am to 5pm.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

**Porto Belo market** inspired on the London Portobello market every Saturday at Praça de Carlos Alberto in Oporto from 11am to 5pm.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

**Porto Belo market** inspired on the London Portobello market every Saturday at Praça de Carlos Alberto in Oporto from 11am to 5pm.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

**Porto Belo market** inspired on the London Portobello market every Saturday at Praça de Carlos Alberto in Oporto from 11am to 5pm.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

**Porto Belo market** inspired on the London Portobello market every Saturday at Praça de Carlos Alberto in Oporto from 11am to 5pm.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

**Porto Belo market** inspired on the London Portobello market every Saturday at Praça de Carlos Alberto in Oporto from 11am to 5pm.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

**Porto Belo market** inspired on the London Portobello market every Saturday at Praça de Carlos Alberto in Oporto from 11am to 5pm.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

## MUSIC

**Stockmarker** until Sunday, 12 December at Exponor, Pavilhão 5, Leça da Palmeira in Matosinhos. Tickets: €2 - €4. See [www.banazaip.pt](http://www.banazaip.pt).

**Artesnatus 2010 Christmas fair** until 23 December at Praça D João I in Oporto. Entrance is free.

## MUSIC

## SOUTH

## CHARITY

**Country Riding Centre fundraiser and activity day** at the Country Riding Centre in Silves on 18 December. All proceeds and donations in aid of the Loulé-based 'Os Miúdos' orphanage.



## CHILDREN

**Panda Goes to School musical** on Saturday, 11 December at Parchal Arade congress centre at 11am and another session from 3pm. Tickets: from €16 to €22,50. Call 282 413 147 or 282 410 440.

## DANCE

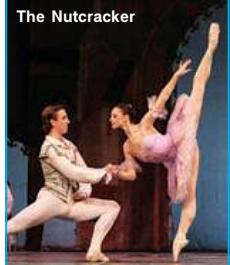
**Coppelia** Friday, 17 December and Saturday, 18 December at Faro Teatro das Figuras at 9.30pm. Tickets: €10. Call 289 888 110.



**Planalto** on Friday, 17 December and Saturday, 18 December at Lagos Cultural centre from 9.30pm.

**Dance and Life** on Saturday, 18 December at Faro Pedro Ruivo auditorium from 9pm. Call 289 973 115.

**The Nutcracker** on 19 December at Parchal (Lagoa) Congress Centre from 5pm. Tickets: €22 - €25. Call 282 413 147.



**Scottish Country Dancing** every Monday evening at the International School of the Algarve, Porches, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Call Mardie Cunningham on 282 356 029 or e-mail mardie@sapo.pt.

## EXHIBITIONS

**Mikki F Arab influences** at Café Inglês in Silves. Call 282 442 585.

**Habits and Customs of Monchique** at Parque da Mina in Monchique until 31 December. Call 282 911 622.

**NECI Art Exhibition** organised by Dra. Maria Eduarda Santos in the old Câmara Municipal Building in Praça Gil Eanes, Lagos. Art by NECI artist Carlos Frausto, supporting artists, Lilla Radocz, Amanda D'Eça, Bernardete Bispo, Arez Viegas, Tina Gonçalves and David Haines until 31 December.

**Paintings, sculptures, ceramics and hand-crafted items for the home** created by 35 international artists. Current exhibition at Corte-Real gallery in Paderne, includes American artist Jeanine Leclaire, Member of the Pennsylvanian Academy of Art. Until 31 December. Open Thursday to Sunday 11am until 5pm. Call 918 980 199 or 912 737 762.

**100 Anos da 1ª República em Tavira** at the Music Academy of Tavira. Ongoing until 31 December. Call 281 320 500.

**Ten Monumental British Sculptures** Exhibition at Cerro da Vila Roman Archaeological Centre in Vilamoura until 31 December. Entrance: €5. Call 289 312 153.

**Letters and Colours, Ideas and Authors of the Republic** at Tavira library until 31 December.

**Estados D'Alma** by Eduardo Dias at São Brás de Alportel gallery until 31 December. Call 289 840 000.

**Amália meu Amor** paintings by 18 artists at the Galeria Santo António in Monchique until 9 February. Call 282 913 130 or 925 004 051.

**City and Rural Worlds** at Tavira museum and Palácio gallery until 16 June, 2011.

**Mykola Berla** exhibition of oil paintings and hand carved wooden objects at the 'O Cantinho de Arte' gallery at nº24 Rua Dr. Afonso Costa in central Beja, Alentejo. Open evenings and weekends. Call 934 145 998

## FAIRS

**Winter Fair** until Sunday, 12 December with wines and traditional Portuguese arts and crafts at Loulé industrial area. Call 289 400 600.

**Feira da Serra** in Loulé until Sunday, 12 December at Loulé industrial ExpoAlgarve area daily from 4pm until 9pm. Call 289 840 000.

## MUSIC

**Grand Amateur Fado Evening** on Saturday, 11 December at Casa do Povo in Paderne from 9.30pm.



**Opera Club** on Sunday, 12 December at São Brás de Alportel museum from 6pm.

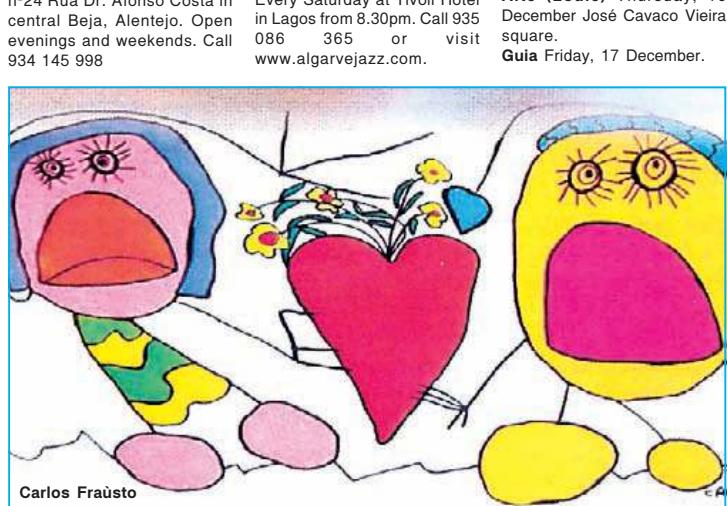
**Monkey Mind Music** on Tuesday, 14 Dec at the Pizzeria in Santa Barbara www.lapiazzapt.com - from 7.30pm to 8pm. The restaurant will be providing a varied menu for a set price of €20 a head so you can munch away and enjoy a glass or 2 of wine while the band plays blues/folk fusion.

To book a table please call Fabio on 913881331 after 6.30pm.

**O Canto das Palavras** on Tuesday, 14 December at Lagos cultural centre from 9.30pm. Visit www.ajtel.org for more information.



**New Orleans Jazz Band** at Casa Inglesa restaurant in Portimão every Thursday. Every Saturday at Tivoli Hotel in Lagos from 8.30pm. Call 935 086 365 or visit www.algarvejazz.com.



## SPORT

**17th Spar European Cross-Country Championship** on 12 December at Albufeira Cross Country Course from 11am. Visit www.albufeira2010.com.

**Portuguese International Table Tennis Championships** from Friday, 17 December until 19 December at Tavira Municipal pavilion.

**Bowls Crown Green and Lawn Bowls** at Amendoeira. Crown Monday and Thursday, Lawn Tuesday and Friday. Start 10am. All welcome, non members pay €8. Call Peter Clarke 966 169 747 (Crown), Peter Moss 961 165 478 (Lawn).

## WRITING

**Writing Fiction Workshop** on Saturday 11 December from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at the Bica Boa Inn, Monchique.

**Writing Memoirs Workshop** on Saturday 18 December 2.30-4.30 pm at the Bica Boa Inn, Monchique. All welcome. For more details and to reserve a place visit www.lisa selvidge.com or call Lisa on 962 887 680.

## CARBOOT SALES

**Albufeira** Saturday, 11 December opposite Caligos.

**Alcantarilha** Saturday, 11 December opposite the civil parish council.

**Vila Real de Santo António** Saturday, 11 December at Praça Marquês de Pombal.

**Ferragudo** Sunday, 12 December at waterfront.

**Lagos** Sunday, 12 December at Chincato.

**Almancil** Sunday, 12 December next to C+S school.

## MARKETS

**Loulé** every Saturday at Rua da Nossa Senhora Piedade near convent.

**Castro Marim** Saturday, 11 December.

**Cortelha (Loulé)** Saturday, 11 December.

**Estói** Sunday, 12 December next to EB 12 school.

**Lagoa** Sunday, 12 December at FATACIL.

**Algoz** Monday, 13 December in square.

**Alte (Loulé)** Thursday, 16 December José Cavaco Vieira square.

**Guia** Friday, 17 December.

## ALGARVE CHRISTMAS PREVIEW

## DANCE

**Christmas Dance** production on Saturday, 18 December by the São Brás de Alportel dance school at São Brás de Alportel Cine-teatro from 4pm. Call 289 840 000.

## FAIRS

**Vale Verde International School Christmas Fair** on Saturday, 11 December. Free admission. Santa's Grotto, bouncy castle, games, sports, raffle, prizes, food, mulled wine, dance performances and more. Located on EN 537 in Burgau from 2pm - 5pm. Contact Person: Blaine Harris at blharris @vvis.com or 282 697 205.

**Christmas Craft Fair** 11 December from 10.30am to 3pm at Silves cine-theatre. Call 282 330 242 for more information.

**Castelo de Sonhos Fair** on 11 December from 10.30 to 3 pm at the old cine theatre in Silves. Lots of stalls, including paintings, crackers cards, calendars and ideas for Christmas gifts. Knitwear and many other attractions. Also we have Tony from the As Aves smoke house where you can buy or order goodies for now or Christmas, and Wendy with cheeses chutneys and preserves. All profits will be donated to the Castelo de Sonhos. At the moment the Castelo are struggling to provide nappies (any size) to the many babies of families that are registered with the charity. Bring anything that you can with you to help the charity.

**Aljezur art and handicraft Christmas fair** from 10 December until 12 December at Aljezur fair pavilion open daily from 11am to 11pm.

**Vila Real de Santo António market** on 12 December at Cacela Velha from 10am to 5pm.

**Carvoeiro Christmas fair** 12 to 19 December open daily in Carvoeiro square by the beach from midday until 7pm. Live music everyday at 3pm from 13 December, stalls selling sweets, handicrafts, roast chestnuts and much more! Visitors are also encouraged to walk around the town and see the festive window displays set up by local shops and associations.

**Abandoned Animals Centre Christmas party** 17 December from 8pm to 1am at Ayamonte Tennis Club. Tickets: €10 including buffet. Call 281 952 808 or 959 083 615 (Spain).

**Christmas Fair** at the Mirage Restaurant in Praia da Luz on 18 December, from 11am to 5pm, in aid of the NECI School.

**Holiday Inn Christmas Programme** from 23 until 27 December at the Holiday Inn in Armação de Pêra.

**Our Christmas Fair** on 19 December at Tavira, Ribeira market from 11am to 6pm.

**Valverde Christmas Dinner** on 25 December and New Years Dinner Dance on 31 December. See advert on page 19, call 282 789 474 or 962 541 124.

## MUSIC

**Christmas Concert** on Sunday, 12 December at Albufeira municipal auditorium from 3.30pm.

**Christmas Carol Group** on Wednesday, 15 December Lagos cultural centre from 9.30pm.

**Christmas Carol** from 3:30pm on Thursday, 16 December there will be a special Christmas event at Pastelaria Do Parque in Vale da Teia, Aljezur. Festive fare such as mulled wine and mince pies will be available for sale.

**Christmas concert by Tavira band** on Friday, 17 December at Luz de Tavira and Saturday, 18 December at Santa Catarina da Fonte do Bispo. The International Choir of Aljezur will arrive at 4:45 pm by lantern light to sing a selection of Carols in Portuguese, English and German. You will be able to purchase a song sheet to sing along with the choir. Song sheets are now available from Pastelaria Do Parque and cost 0.50 cts- proceeds will go to charity.

**European Christmas by Portuguese Chamber Orchestra** on 18 December at TEMPO municipal theatre in Portimão from 9.30pm. Tickets: €10. Call 282 402 475 / 961 579 917. Christmas Concert by Santo Amaro de Oeiras choir on 18 December at Olhão church from 9.30pm.

**Viviane with the Algarve Orchestra Christmas Concert** on 18 December at Vilamoura Casino. An Algarve event. Tickets: €40. Call 289 310 000.

**Portimonense Philharmonic Society Christmas Concert** on 19 December at TEMPO municipal theatre in Portimão from 4pm. Call 282 402 475 or 961 579 917.

**Filarmonica Christmas Party** on 19 December at Lagos philharmonic society headquarters on rua 1º de Maio from 3.30pm. Entrance is free.

**Lagos Cultural Centre Christmas and New Year Concerts**: 20 December: Lacombrience Philharmonic Society. 22 December: Lagos Jazz Orchestra. 23 December: Lagos Music Academ. 30 December: Lagos Music Academ. All concerts start at 9.30pm at Lagos Cultural Centre. Call 282 770 450.

## THEATRE

**Bug Humbug!** by the Aperitivo Theatre Group on 15 December at Holiday Inn in Armação de Pêra (dinner theatre call 282 320 260). 17 December at Tavira Espaço da Corredoura from 9.30pm.

The opinions expressed here are those of our readers and not necessarily of The Portugal News. The editor reserves the right to edit letters or refuse publication. Send your letters, which must include your name and full postal address (even if you wish to remain anonymous on the page), and should be under 300 words, to The Portugal News, Apartado 13, 8401-901 Lagoa. E-mail address: [letters@theportugalnews.com](mailto:letters@theportugalnews.com)

## Debt

SIR, Your writer seems puzzled as to why Portugal's debt is not flavour of the month (News Nov 27). It's really very simple. When a government is in debt due to mis-management it issues bonds. In short, it touts for money. It usually wants seriously large amounts, in the billions, so the money usually only comes from other governments, sovereign trusts, or banks and pension funds. These 'speculators', as your writer curiously calls them, will only invest if they perceive their money is safe. The less safe they think it is, the less likely they are to lend the government money. When this happens the government has to offer higher and higher interest rates to tempt lenders. Sometimes that is not enough. Russia has recently banned Spanish and Portuguese bonds from its list of acceptable investments.

The problem with Portugal's debt is not "how deep a hole are we in", it is more a matter of "can we dig ourselves out of it". That is a different matter altogether.

The USA, UK, France, even Italy, are massive economies. Lenders think those countries can work their way out of the hole they are in. Portugal is not like that, neither is Ireland or Greece. They have very small economies. Portugal in particular has a poorly educated and poorly motivated work force. It has few resources to call upon to pull itself up. Its industries are backward and small, and it is seen as a place unable to keep up with the pace set by bigger economies.

It isn't that the country owes a lot, it is more a matter of not being able to grow enough to pay back what it does owe.

The second problem is inter-bank lending. Why is Ireland being forced to take a loan it doesn't want? Because the banks in Britain, Germany and France are owed so much money by the Irish banking system. They want it back. And why does Portugal offer Ireland money? That's easy too. Your writer really should get up on all this before he puts pen to paper. It's because the Irish banks owe Portuguese banks money. So the Portuguese government lends money to the Irish Government so they can give it to the banks, so they can pay back the Portuguese banks. That's euroland politics for you.

Portugal also owes French, German and British banks rather a lot of money, and about \$300 billion to Spain, which in turn owes France Britain and Germany over

\$1 trillion. Pull out one brick and the whole thing collapses. It's a mess of epic proportions. And your writer questions the panic! You just wait until it does collapse.

JOHN CLARE, Arão

## Teacher?

SIR, I am a Portuguese national, married to an Englishman with 2 young daughters, and spent 14 years living in the UK. At school 20 years ago, I left after completing my 12th year.

We came back to this country

2 years ago, and live in the beautiful Alentejo. For the past 17 years, English has been my first language. I watch British television, listen to British radio and read books in English.

Recently at my 7 year olds' school meeting the head teacher asked if anyone knew an English teacher who could come in for a few hours every week to teach some English. Very embarrassingly every mother looked at me, prompting the teacher to clarify that the teacher has to be qualified. He went on to say that the problem is no qualified person wants a poorly paid job for a few hours a week, with no travelling expenses paid!

This made me look into what qualifications are needed. Sadly it looks as though I would have to study for up to 3 years learning mathematics, science, art, geography etc., to become this qualified teacher so I could teach English at primary level.

I am very proud that at last my country wants young children to learn this important language. Obviously newly qualified primary teachers will now have some knowledge of English, but as is the case of my daughter, there are many national schools where the teachers cannot speak the language. This means someone from outside has to come in for this objective.

It is a little typical of my country that because of complicated regulations and the need for that bit of paper with "qualified" on it, people like me cannot help out. I am very aware that there is a need for a small course to learn what to teach, but a 3 year extensive course is ridiculous.

If anyone has some advice I would appreciate it, because I'm almost at the point of forgetting the whole thing, and I really feel I could do some good for our youngsters.

CARLA BIRD, Alcaria Ruiva

## A Chrismal Malfunction?

SIR, It must have caused interested readers disappointment and surprise bordering on incredulity to read on Page 2 of last week's The Portugal News (20 November) that the Anglicans On Fire healing ministry scheduled to be conducted by the Revd. Peter Denton had necessarily been postponed, due to that gentleman's sudden health problems.

This does not augur well for promoting the healing activity of the Holy Spirit, which, according to the announcement in the previous week's edition of your paper involves the application of holy oil, when this activity appears to have failed to help the very one who is involved in proclaiming its efficacy. It brings to mind the words of Jesus in Luke 4:23; "Physician, heal yourself!" A cynic could reasonably be excused in this situation for observing that holy oil is really snake oil, and that Mr Denton's return to health will be the result not of the power of the HS, but the NHS!

MICHAEL BAUGH, by email

*Revd Peter Denton was taken ill at the airport hotel shortly before his departure. He is still waiting for tests on the NHS and it is hoped that his visit to the Algarve can be rescheduled in the New Year. - Ed*

## Wikileaks

SIR, Maybe I'm missing something important, but I don't get it about the WikiLeaks material. At the outset it was refreshing to learn that the launch had taken place of an Internet 'Private Eye', a vehicle through which lies and injustices could be exposed and important truths revealed. WikiLeaks was sold as an effective medium for the world's 'whistle

blowers'. Millions of pages have now appeared online and I am unable to find any hard news or genuine whistle blowing. How can snippets such as 'The Kremlin is possibly run by the Mafia' and 'The head man in Saudi Arabia believes the US should bomb Iran' be called either news or whistle blowing? Most of this stuff is gossip, common knowledge and boring. These so-called revelations are simply annoying, irritating, pot-stirring, possibly dangerous, and mainly anti-American and benefit nobody. And yet there is a place for a WikiLeaks in the context of a free press. Good investigative journalism would be lost without whistle blowers at all levels. Two of the finest examples for the common good are Daniel Ellsberg's smuggling the Pentagon Papers out of the Pentagon, telling the truth about the Vietnam war, and the New York Times' publishing of those 7,000 pages. Jeffrey Wigand's blowing the whistle on big tobacco also saved countless lives. These were acts of great courage, and of huge benefit to everyone.

NAME & ADDRESS SUPPLIED

## Handbag thefts

SIR, I was recently engaged in a conversation after placing my shopping in my car; just as I'd placed my handbag in the car and was ready to leave I was approached by a young couple sat in their car with their window down. They were of Eastern European appearance and she had a map on her knee. They asked for

directions to Spain and had concerns if they would have to pay tolls. I showed them on their map and away they went.

As I was leaving the car park I noticed a light on my passenger door indicating it wasn't closed properly so I leant over, reopened it, and closed it properly. It wasn't until I arrived home that it became apparent that the reason for the door being open was because a third person had entered my car from the other side and taken my handbag, not shutting the door properly so as not to make a noise.

I returned to the supermarket and spoke to a number of staff who informed me it wasn't the first time this had happened! I went to report it to police.

Having spoken to many people of this to warn them, it seems this gang have been operating for some time – so shoppers beware – don't be taken in by the "nice young couple"!

NAME & ADDRESS SUPPLIED

## Straight Talking

SIR, If your readers would take the time to enter Nigel Farage – Who the hell do you think you are? – into Google, they will watch one of their most devastating examples of saying it the way it is since George Galloway's masterly demolition of the US Senate's baseless attack on his alleged business dealings with Gaddafi a while back.

Does anyone know a safe haven for our increasingly dodgy looking Euros?

RON LAVERY, By e-mail

The International Evangelical Church of the Algarve would like to invite all who live in the Algarve and are visiting over the Christmas period to come and worship with us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The activities leading up to Christmas are:

**December 12** 10:30AM

3rd Advent and Christmas Family Service (with Children's Dramatization of the Christmas Story)

**December 19** 17:00PM

Portuguese Christmas Family Service

**December 24** 19:00PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Service

(with life size manger scene - see pic below).

**December 26** 10:30AM

Special Christmas Service with a difference!



Come and join us in our chapel on the hill to hear God's word and be blessed by Christian fellowship. Merry Christmas!

## Christmas Services

International Christian Fellowship, Rua N.S. Amparo in Cedipraia Shopping Centre, no 23, Portimão

Christmas Carol Service

12 Dec. 11am

Christmas Day Service

25 Dec. 11am

Boxing Day Service

26 Dec. 11am

**THIS LESSON:**  
Regular verbs in "-ER" in  
*Pretérito Imperfeito do Conjuntivo.*

**h)** Eles gastavam muito menos dinheiro se não \_\_\_\_\_ (**morrer**) de amores por tecnologia.  
**i)** O que é que a Rita fazia se nós, por brincadeira, lhe \_\_\_\_\_ (**esconder**) o telemóvel?  
**j)** O que é que tu achavas se nós \_\_\_\_\_ (**vender**) o nosso velho carro?  
**k)** O rapaz não falava português e, por isso, nós fizemos um grande esforço para que ele \_\_\_\_\_ (**entender**) o que nós lhe queríamos dizer.  
**l)** O Jorge pediu que os pais \_\_\_\_\_ (**encher**) a sua bola de futebol e também alguns balões.  
**m)** O sobrinho da Ana queria que ela \_\_\_\_\_ (**escolher**) um jogo de computador e que \_\_\_\_\_ (**aprender**) a jogar tão bem como ele.  
**n)** Eu demorei-me um pouco mais na agência porque o empregado pediu que eu \_\_\_\_\_ (**responder**) a um questionário.  
**o)** Era mesmo bom que a neve não \_\_\_\_\_ (**derreter**) por completo até Março.  
**p)** O juiz pediu que a testemunha \_\_\_\_\_ (**descrever**) psicologicamente os acusados.  
**q)** Eles pediram que vocês \_\_\_\_\_ (**preencher**) os impressos todos?

## Portuguese for All

Emília Rosendo

### Put in the *Pretérito Imperfeito do Conjuntivo* of the verbs in brackets.

**a)** O Pedro ficava muito contente se nós lhe \_\_\_\_\_ (**oferecer**) uma viagem pelo Natal.  
**b)** Eu tinha mais tempo disponível se \_\_\_\_\_ (**viver**) mais perto do meu local de trabalho.  
**c)** Embora ela \_\_\_\_\_ (**comer**) muitos doces, era uma rapariga extremamente magra.  
**d)** Os teus filhos ficavam certamente desapontados se tu não \_\_\_\_\_ (**comparecer**) à festa de Natal da escola.  
**e)** A Maria pediu-nos algumas coisas: que eu \_\_\_\_\_ (**cozer**) os legumes e \_\_\_\_\_ (**aquecer**) a sopa, que o Rui \_\_\_\_\_ (**acender**) a lareira, que a Paula \_\_\_\_\_ (**varrer**) a sala e que tu \_\_\_\_\_ (**prender**) o cão no quintal.  
**f)** O atleta nº 4 parecia tão fraco que ninguém acreditou que ele \_\_\_\_\_ (**vencer**) a corrida.  
**g)** Era excelente se a nossa empresa \_\_\_\_\_ (**promover**) estratégias de crescimento interno e \_\_\_\_\_ (**concorrer**) a projectos internacionais de desenvolvimento.

Completed exercises can be corrected either by scanning the hardcopy onto your computer or copy and download exercises from our online pages at: [www.theportugalnews.com](http://www.theportugalnews.com). Send it/them as an attachment(s) via e-mail to: [lessons@theportugalnews.com](mailto:lessons@theportugalnews.com). Emilia Rosendo will then correct and return to your e-mail address.

## Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, 11th December, from 17.00 to 21.00pm at the German School of the Algarve in Silves

Get in the Christmas mood:

handicrafts, homebaked goodies, international buffet  
funny Christmas stories, games and music

try your luck in our raffle.

You are warmly welcome to join us!  
DSA - Escola Alema do Algarve,  
Sítio do Lobito, 8300-054 Silves  
Tel. 282 419 104



**ALGARVE****SBC****FORUM ALGARVE**

TEL: 289 887 212

9 DEC-15 DEC

**1****The American**George Clooney, Thelma Reutens  
14.50-17.15-19.40-22.00 (00.20 Fri & Sat)**Toy Story 3**Animation PV  
(10.00-12.25 Sat & Sun)**2****Fair Game**Naomi Watts, Sean Penn  
13.45-16.10-18.35-21.00 (23.30 Fri & Sat)**Marmaduke PV**Owen Wilson, Lee Pace  
(10.20 Sat & Sun)**3****Harry Potter 7: Part 1**Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson  
(11.00 Sat & Sun) 15.00-18.05-21.10  
(00.15 Fri & Sat)**4****Megamind**Animation PV  
(10.40-12.35 Sat & Sun) 14.45-17.00-  
19.20-21.20**Saw 3D**Tobin Bell, Costas Mandylor  
(23.40 Fri & Sat)**5****The Chronicles of Narnia 3**  
Georgie Henley, Ben Barnes  
(11.50 Sat & Sun) 14.15-16.40-19.05-  
21.30 (00.00 Fri & Sat)**6****Unstoppable**  
Denzel Washington, Chris Pine  
(12.30 Sat & Sun) 14.55-17.10-19.35-  
21.50 (00.10 Fri & Sat)**7****Due Date**  
Robert Downey Jr, Zach Galifianakis  
(10.45-12.55 Sat & Sun) 15.05-17.20-  
19.30-21.40 (23.50 Fri & Sat)**8****Celda 211**  
Luis Tosar, Alberto Ammann  
16.45-19.15-21.45 (00.25 Fri & Sat)**Despicable Me**  
Animation PV  
(10.30 Sat & Sun) 14.15**9****Inside Job**  
Documentary  
14.00-19.20**22 Bullets**  
Jean Reno, Kad Merad  
16.40-21.55 (00.30 Fri & Sat)**Cats & Dogs 2 - PV**Chris O'Donnell, Bette Midler  
(10.10 Sat & Sun)**CASTELLO LOPEZ CINEMAS ALGARVE SHOPPING**

TEL: 707 220 220

9 DEC-15 DEC

**1****The American**  
George Clooney, Thelma Reutens  
13.05-15.30-18.10-21.10 (23.40 Fri & Sat)**2****The Chronicles of Narnia 3: 3D**  
Georgie Henley, Ben Barnes  
PV: 13.10-15.50  
OV: 18.30-21.30 (00.00 Fri & Sat)**3****The Kids Are All Right**  
Annette Bening, Julianne Moore  
13.20-16.00-18.45-21.35 (00.10 Fri & Sat)**4****Fair Game**  
Naomi Watts, Sean Penn  
13.40-16.10-18.40-21.20 (23.45 Fri & Sat)**5****Red**  
Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman  
13.15-15.40-21.00 (23.30 Fri & Sat)**Celda 211**Luis Tosar, Alberto Ammann  
18.15**6****Megamind 3D - Animation PV**  
13.00-15.05-17.10-19.15**Megamind 3D - Animation OV**

21.40 (23.55 Fri &amp; Sat)

**7****Harry Potter 7: Part 1**  
Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson  
12.45-15.35-18.25-21.15 (00.05 Fri & Sat)**8****Due Date**  
Robert Downey Jr, Zach Galifianakis  
13.30-16.05-18.20-21.25 (23.50 Fri & Sat)**9****Unstoppable**  
Denzel Washington, Chris Pine  
12.50-14.55-17.00-19.10-21.45 (00.15 Fri & Sat)**CASTELLO LOPEZ CINEMAS PORTIMÃO**

TEL: 707 220 220

9 DEC-15 DEC

**1****The Chronicles of Narnia 3: 3D**  
Georgie Henley, Ben Barnes  
PV: 13.10-15.50

OV: 18.35-21.30 (00.10 Fri &amp; Sat)

**2****Harry Potter 7: Part 1**  
Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson  
12.40-15.30-18.30-21.20 (00.20 Fri & Sat)**3****Unstoppable**  
Denzel Washington, Chris Pine  
13.00-15.10-17.20-19.30-21.50 (00.15 Fri & Sat)**4****The American**  
George Clooney, Thelma Reutens  
13.20-15.50-18.20-21.10 (23.50 Fri & Sat)**5****Due Date**  
Robert Downey Jr, Zach Galifianakis  
13.30-16.00-19.00-21.40 (00.10 Fri & Sat)**6****Megamind 3D - Animation PV**  
12.50-15.00-17.10-19.20**Saw 3D**Tobin Bell, Costas Mandylor  
22.00 (00.20 Fri & Sat)**Film Classification**

The Chronicles of Narnia 3 - M/12

Sammy's Adventures - M/6

Scott Pilgrim vs. The World - M/12

The Last Station - M/12

Due Date - M/12

Megamind - M/6

Fair Game - M/12

Unstoppable - M/12

The American - M/12

Machete - M/16

Harry Potter 7: Part 1 - M/12

The Kids Are All Right - M/12

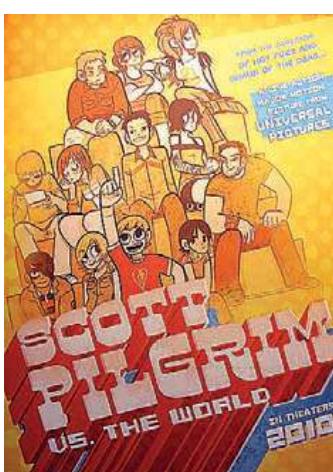
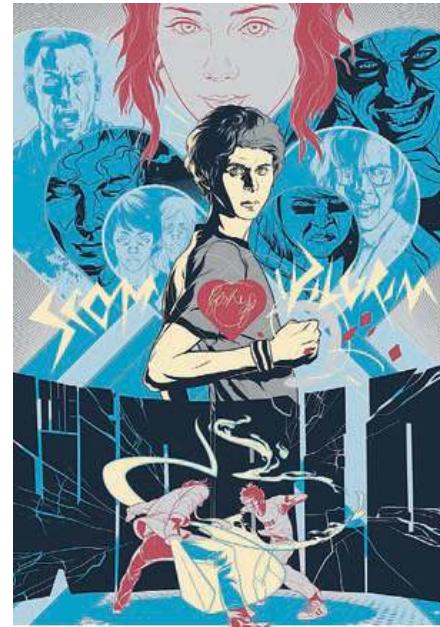
M/4 - Four years and over

M/6 - Six years and over

M/12 - 12 years and over

M/16 - 16 years and over

M/18 - 18 years and over

**Title:** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn**Treader****Genre:** Adventure | Family | Fantasy**Stars:** Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, Ben Barnes, Tilda Swinton**Director:** Michael Apted**Synopsis:** This time around Lucy and Edmund, along with their pesky cousin Eustace Scrubb - find themselves swallowed into a painting and on to a magnificent Narnian ship, the Dawn Treader, headed for the very edges of the world. Joining forces once again with their royal friend King Caspian and the warrior mouse Reepicheep, they are whisked away on a mysterious mission to the Lone Islands, and beyond. On this bewitching voyage that will test their hearts and spirits, the trio will face magical Dufflepuds, sinister slave traders, roaring dragons and enchanted merfolk. Only an entirely uncharted journey to Aslan's Country - a voyage of destiny and transformation for each of those aboard the Dawn Treader - can save Narnia, and all the astonishing creatures in it, from an unfathomable fate.**SAMMY'S ADVENTURES: THE SECRET PASSAGE****Title:** Sammy's Adventures: The Secret Passage**Genre:** Animation | Adventure**Voice Talents:** Yuri Lowenthal, Isabelle Fuhrman, Melanie Griffith, Anthony Anderson, Tim Curry**Director:** Ben Stassen**Synopsis:** The life story of a sea turtle from birth in 1959 to maturity in 2009. This computer-generated, animated tale is a coming-of-age movie about growing up and friendship. Spending 50 years in the oceans puts us in an unusual vantage point to witness some of the major changes that the ever growing human presence is having on our planet.

Scott Pilgrim just met the girl of his dreams. But in order for them to date, he must defeat her seven evil exes - a rogues' gallery, including an infamous skateboarder, a vegan rock star and fearsome identical twins!

**OV = Original Version**  
**PV = Portuguese Version****Castello Lopes Cinemas**

Tel: 707 220 220

www.castelolopescinemas.com

**UCI Cinemas**

Tel: 707 23 22 21

www.uciportugal.pt

**ZON LUSOMUNDO**

Tel: 707 24 63 62

www.zonlusomundo.pt

M/4 - Four years and over  
M/6 - Six years and over  
M/12 - 12 years and over  
M/16 - 16 years and over  
M/18 - 18 years and over



**SUDOKU**

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Answers next week.

Easy

		1	4	2				
	2	8	4					
	3		7	9				
1	2			6				
9	3	4	5	8	7			
7		9		5				
8	5		6					
	9	2	6					
6	3	8						

Medium

	5		7					
	3		2	6	5			
			7	9	6			
3			2					
	6	9			7	3		
			7			8		
5	6	8						
	2	4	3			5		
9			8					

	5	2	9					
9		1	7					
	7		9	5	2			
			2					
2						4		
		8				3		
3	9	8				4		
		8	7			6		
1		4	3					

Last weeks solutions:

8	1	7	2	6	4	3	9	5	7	6	4	1	9	8	5	3	2	9	8	4	6	3	1	5	2	7
9	4	3	1	8	5	7	2	6	1	5	9	3	6	2	4	7	8	1	5	7	4	2	9	8	6	3
2	6	5	7	3	9	8	4	1	3	2	8	5	4	7	1	6	9	3	6	2	8	7	5	9	1	4
5	3	9	6	1	8	4	7	2	6	7	2	4	1	9	3	8	5	2	9	5	7	1	6	3	4	8
1	2	4	5	9	7	6	3	8	5	8	3	2	7	6	9	4	1	8	4	6	5	9	3	2	7	1
6	7	8	3	4	2	1	5	9	4	9	1	8	5	3	7	2	6	7	1	3	2	4	8	6	5	9
7	9	6	8	5	3	2	1	4	2	4	7	9	8	5	6	1	3	5	7	1	3	8	2	4	9	6
3	5	1	4	2	6	9	8	7	9	3	6	7	2	1	8	5	4	4	2	8	9	6	7	1	3	5
4	8	2	9	7	1	5	6	3	8	1	5	6	3	4	2	9	7	6	3	9	1	5	4	7	8	2

**CODEWORD**

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. Decipher the code to fill in the crossword. Three letters are already in place and the check-box and letters either side will help you keep track of progress.

(Right: Last week's solution)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	N	11	12	13	M
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	E	26	

A	11	10	18	6	22	25	10	20	2	13	7	3																
B	9	8	25	12	17	5	12	9	16	10	21	4																
C	10		24	2			5	25	11	21	5	17	7															
D	11	10	21	25	10	22	11	17	4	13	11	17																
E	24		10	7		25		22		10		11																
F	20	2	11	10	17	11	10	21		13	2	21	11	24														
G	2		7	7	7	7	7	7		13	M	14																
H	23	22	11	17	7	13	11	7	17	12	25	7	7															
I	22		13	17	9	9	9	9	10	N	7																	
J	1	11	6	25	13	13	2		20		17		9															
K	22	9	11	20	25	10	2	6	11	7	25	1																
L	24	2	12	11	10	21	14	21		25		21																
M	17	25	2	10	25	24	25	7	7	11	17	14																

**WORDSEARCH**

Find the hidden words within the square. The word may start anywhere and go in any direction.

P	G	O	G	D	E	L	C	I	T	R	A	K	J	A
U	E	R	C	T	A	M	E	R	Y	I	O	U	G	T
R	Q	O	O	E	N	I	L	R	I	A	V	I	I	C
C	E	O	R	E	J	C	G	M	X	Y	L	S	E	P
H	P	D	R	M	O	K	Y	Q	E	N	S	I	X	
A	L	R	E	Y	Q	L	Y	T	S	A	P	L	S	C
S	A	E	S	P	A	L	I	E	R	G	E	O	S	C
E	S	E	P	P	T	R	E	T	J	S	B	O	D	S
V	T	S	O	Z	U	E	T	S	S	E	L	W	S	A
A	I	O	N	P	T	P	Q	X	R	I	E	E	M	P
N	C	O	D	N	C	A	T	S	B	I	N	O	X	Y
I	O	G	E	H	O	S	J	E	G	L	J	N	L	
A	T	P	N	I	M	T	R	H	O	P	U	L	L	R
P	S	G	T	H	U	A	T	O	I	V	B	N	H	W
E	R	I	H	F	L	R	C	D	G	A	R	I	M	L

PASTY, PLASTIC, LIBERAL, TAMER, HIRE, PURCHASE, DOOR, LESS, ESPALIER, PAIN, GOOSE, AIRLINE, TRANSIT, SPENT, PULL, WEIGHT, SOBER, PILE, ARTICLED, TOM, CATS, CORRESPONDENT, COOLNESS, DIPLOMA, REPAST, AGILE

**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE**

See if you can find 6 differences between the two photos.

**Last week's solutions**

Across: 3 Twice-told; 8 Opus; 9 Grievance; 10 Tiptop; 11 Antic; 14 Grind; 15 Cash; 16 Sharp; 18 Onus; 20 Avert; 21 Stage; 24 Manage; 25 Direction; 26 Fake; 27 Personnel.  
 Down: 1 Contagion; 2 Bumptious; 4 Warp; 5 Clean; 6 Tragic; 7 Lack; 9 Goods; 11 Abate; 12 Cameraman; 13 Shattered; 17 Pagan; 19 Stress; 22 Get on; 23 Pile; 24 More.

Last week's winner: Victoria Van Hoorn, B.S.Miguel

Last week's solution:

**This week's Crossword Prize****WIN****ACROSS**

1. Converge (5)
4. Vigorous (7)
8. Weigh down (7)
9. Enthusiasm (5)
10. Froth on beer (4)
11. Fulfilment (8)
13. Adorn (4)
14. Run (4)
16. Incarcerate (8)
17. Den (4)
20. Cream (5)
21. Go on (7)
22. Protect (7)
23. Dizzy (5)

1. Rashness (13)
2. Coconut kernel (5)
3. Pip (4)
4. Holiday place (6)
5. Clumsy (8)
6. Animate (7)
7. Kindly (4-9)
12. Mishap (8)
13. Dispossess (7)
15. Sluggishness (6)
18. Correct (5)
19. Lengthy (4)

**DOWN**

1. Coconuts (13)
2. Coconut kernel (5)
3. Pip (4)
4. Holiday place (6)
5. Clumsy (8)
6. Animate (7)
7. Kindly (4-9)
12. Mishap (8)
13. Dispossess (7)
15. Sluggishness (6)
18. Correct (5)
19. Lengthy (4)

**ALGARVE - ARTISTIC IMPRESSIONS BY DANIEL HASSELMYR**

This beautiful 60 page hardback book in English and German is priced at €24.50. ISBN 978-0-9566792-0-8 Available from bookshops in the Algarve and: [www.d2creation.com](http://www.d2creation.com)

# PROPERTY

A weekly guide to the latest and the best properties on the market in Portugal • The Portugal News • 11 Dec 2010

## PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

### Traditional Algarvean cottage in tranquil location



This week, Property of the Week features a recently built, three bedroom traditional 'cottage' style villa with sea views, located in the hills above Santa Catarina, between São Brás de Alportel and Tavira, in the eastern Algarve.

Built in 2001, this lovely cottage-style villa comprises a constructed area of 190 square metres and sits on an ample sized plot of 5,643 square metres.

As well as three bedrooms, the villa comprises a bathroom, separate shower room, an open plan living and dining room, an entrance hall, a fully fitted and equipped kitchen, a laundry room and guest toilet.

Inside, the property has a number of rustic country living features including terracotta tiles floors, painted wooden shutters, a wood burning stove in the living room and a country style kitchen.

As well as mains electricity, a telephone line and gas connec-

tions for hot water and cooking, the property also has a licensed borehole and a water cistern.

Outside, the property has a ground floor covered terrace, ideal for al fresco dining, as well as a roof terrace, perfect for sunbathing and taking in the beautiful views of the coast and surrounding countryside.

Around the villa there is space to park, as well as ample terraces, featuring large clay pots, traditional Portuguese cobble-stoned patios and gravel areas. The landscaped low maintenance garden features native and flowering plants and is automatically irrigated, while an outdoor shed provides plenty of storage space for garden furniture and equipment.

Located in the Algarve countryside, this beautiful property is just a short drive from the town of São Brás de Alportel or Tavira, which feature traditional whitewashed cottages and cobbled streets as well as a range of amenities and shops.

The villa is also within easy reach of the city of Loulé as well as quality golf courses and beautiful beaches with water sports, bars, cafés and restaurants abound. A day trip over the border to Spain is also within easy reach.

Due to its tranquil setting, but within a short driving distance of Faro airport, amenities and recreational facilities, this property would make an ideal investment as a holiday home or permanent residence.

The price of this property has been reduced from €295,000 to €240,000 and includes all furniture.

For more information about this property, please contact Eddy van Hulst Real Estate Lda on: (+351) 289 842 992 or email: eddyvanhulst@mail.telepac.pt. Alternatively visit their website, available in English: at [www.property-runner.com](http://www.property-runner.com).



**Do you have a current project in the Câmara for approval?**

Bring or send us the plans and our Consultants will provide you with a **FREE QUOTATION**

**projectcasa**  
Eco-friendly Building Services

- Steel Frame Construction
- Kingspan TEK timber
- Traditional Construction
- Extensions and Renovations
- Turn-key Solutions
- Home Control
- Engineering Services
- Architectural Services



Projectcasa Building Services Lda is an Algarve-based company providing sustainable solutions throughout the Iberian Peninsula.

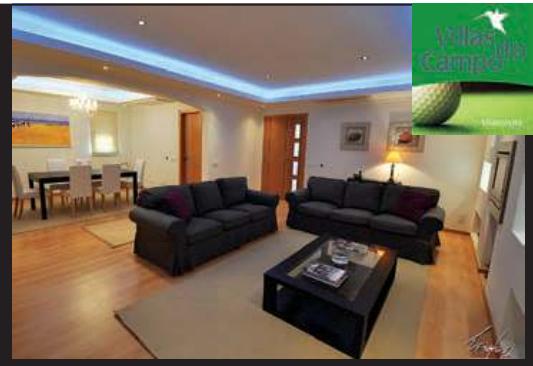
Tel +351 289 391 389 / Fax +351 289 392 660 / [www.projectcasa.eu](http://www.projectcasa.eu) / [info@projectcasa.eu](mailto:info@projectcasa.eu)

## FOR SALE 7 Villas in Vilamoura V4 / front Golf

**WITH:**

- Private pool
- Private garage
- Garden
- Areas 360 m2
- Central heating
- Fully equipped kitchens (Siemens)
- Air Conditioning
- Pre-installation of solar panels
- Home automation

**We accept part exchange**  
**Contacts: Tel. (00351) 915657595**  
**Email: angulospaixao@sapo.pt**



Villas in  
Golf



## 'Girly gossip' has never sounded so good



We can't promise any steamy gossip (a shame but true), but we do promise that you will enjoy the fresh air from a new perspective. Spend bubbly days and steamy nights in your spa tub, from the comfort of your own home and invite along just whoever takes your fancy.

Buy or rent from as little as 25.00€ a day and start living the good life today. Our Spas come in many shapes and sizes from 2 seaters to swim spas, the range suits every individual.

Award winning Spas | Personalised fascias | After care service | Accessories and chemicals. We thought of everything to ensure that you have the best possible time.

Visit: Sitio do Alem, Armazém 4, 8135-001 Almancil  
 Contact: +351 289 390 839 | sales@glspas.com  
 View: www.glspas.com



Pellets	Bio Ethanol	Electric	Wood burning	Gas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All forms of heating, from electric wardrobe heaters to full central heating.</li> <li>• Over 20 years experience in Portugal</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All types of fuel, some not even needing a chimney!</li> <li>• Your problems are our solutions.</li> </ul>	

**Joro**  
NATURALCHIMÉE

ALGARVE: Head Office  
 Rua 5 de Outubro, No 200  
 8135-103 Almancil  
 Tel: + 351 289 390 839  
 Fax: + 351 289 390 839  
 email: loja@joro.pt



**PORTUGAL**  
**MORTGAGE FINDER**  
*Overseas finance made easy*






[www.portugal-mortgage.com](http://www.portugal-mortgage.com)

Tel. 289 322 650

Mob. 919 371 632

## Make the airport your shop window



1,000's of copies of  
 The Portugal News  
 are distributed at Faro airport  
 every week to arriving and  
 departing passengers.  
 An estate agent's window  
 can't beat that for property  
 exposure!

To advertise on these pages,  
 please phone Bella Talhadas  
 on 707 500 677 or  
 914 393 736



The fastest real estate agent in the Algarve  
(former World Record Holder 3.000mts running '89-01)  
[www.property-runner.com](http://www.property-runner.com)  
Tel. +351 289 842 992  
between Loulé and S. Brás  
AMI 6392



**Moncarapacho**  
• Exclusive Golf Club  
• Duplex 1 bed apartment  
• 9-hole course, clubhouse  
• Spa, gymnasium, tennis  
• Reception, restaurant  
• Good rental possibility  
Ref. A1408  
Price: € 250.000



**Quelfes, Olhão**  
• Large character property  
• Main house & 3 cottages  
• Total 4 beds, 5 baths  
• Plunge pool, jacuzzi, BBQ  
• Mature garden, fruit trees  
• Bldg 300m<sup>2</sup> plot 18.360m<sup>2</sup>  
Ref. C1409  
Price: € 590.000



**Estói**  
• Beautiful family villa  
• Spectacular ocean views  
• 3 bedrooms 3 bathrooms  
• Pool, terrace, garage  
• Garden & garden house  
• Villa 230m<sup>2</sup> plot 7.800m<sup>2</sup>  
Ref. V863  
Price Reduced: € 599.000



**Bordeira**  
• Attractive villa built 1983  
• Countryside & sea views  
• 3 bedrooms 2 bathrooms  
• Pool 9m x 5m, terrace  
• Garage, garden, barbecue  
• Villa 101m<sup>2</sup> plot 2.400m<sup>2</sup>  
Ref. V1410  
Price: € 290.000



**Albufeira**  
• End-of-terrace villa  
• 2km from town & beach  
• 2 bedrooms 2 bathrooms  
• Private terrace & garden  
• Communal pool, garden  
• Fully furnished, air-co  
Ref. V1411  
Price: € 230.000



Av. 25 de Abril,  
Bloco D, R/C Esqº.  
8700-011 Fuzeta  
Tel/Fax: 289 791 485  
Fax: 289 791 488  
Mobile: 917 506 365  
Web Site: [www.bonaulda.com](http://www.bonaulda.com)



**Moncarapacho**  
Typical country house renovated with large Patio, about 400 m<sup>2</sup> plot size, located in a calm region. With three bedrooms, a living room, kitchen and WC with shower, windows with double-glaze and gas heating.  
Ref. 2015 Price reduced: € 149.000



**Moncarapacho**  
Well maintained 3 bedroom villa located in a very quiet area with lovely country views surrounded by a easy to maintain garden with 3.300m<sup>2</sup> land. The Villa has three good sized bedrooms (15-19m<sup>2</sup>) being one en-suite and with private terraces. Comfortable lounge with fireplace and Patio doors to the outside terraces, dining room and good sized kitchen. Recently the house was updated with double glazing.  
Ref. 2014 Price: € 320.000



**Fuseta**  
Excellent waterfront localization apartment two bedrooms, situate in the first floor, separated by a road from the nature park "Ria Fârmosa" and the beaches from Fuseta. The Apartment consists of two bedrooms (one en-suite), one living room, kitchen, bath, hall, store room, garage (32m<sup>2</sup>), terrace 36m<sup>2</sup> and high quality finishing.  
Ref. 2001 Price: € 215.000



**São Brás de Alportel**  
2+1 Villa located in a calm hillside. The property was built in 2004 with attention to open space living areas. Ground floor by a large kitchen/lounge area with fireplace, one bedroom and a WC. The first floor offers on bedroom and one mezzanine usable as office/bedroom with sight over the lounge area. In the basement are the technical appliances and the possibility to increase the property by one additional apartment. The properties offers a beautiful country view. About 3km from São Brás. 25min to the airport and 20min to beaches.  
Ref. 2000 Price: € 398.000

[www.silver-coast-properties.net](http://www.silver-coast-properties.net)



**Villas Luz**  
Soc. de Mediação Imobiliária, Lda  
**Villas Luz, Lda**  
AMI nº 3728  
Email: [office-paula@silver-coast-properties.net](mailto:office-paula@silver-coast-properties.net)  
Mob. (00351) 919 054 792  
Office: (00351) 262 989 452  
Fax: (00351) 262 990 514



**Large 4-bedroom villa**  
beautifully located in a quiet neighb. w/ sunny bedrooms, nice rustic decoration inside. Surrounding area w/ garden, mature trees & panoramic views to the woods.  
320.000 Euros



**Magnificent 3-bedroom Villa**  
w/ superb views to the Atlantic, sw. pool, garden & BBQ. Fantastic opportunity to have a detached first line property at walking distance to the beach.  
450.000 Euros

*Full address: Avenida Marginal, Edifício Infante I, Loja 5, 26i, 2460-096 São Martinho do Porto, Portugal*



**Abode**  
AMI 1278  
  
Sociedade de Mediação Imobiliária, Lda.  
Edifício "O Galeão", Loja 3, Rua dos Pescadores  
Tel: 282 356 865  
Fax: 282 356 743  
[leohbraun@hotmail.com](mailto:leohbraun@hotmail.com)  
[www.abode-pt.com](http://www.abode-pt.com)



**PORCHES**  
3 bed, 3 bath villa with pool, gardens & terraces. Electric gates, borehole, stone drive. 263m<sup>2</sup> villa. 6.160m<sup>2</sup> plot. Close to all amenities, road networks and Porches International school. €480.000.





**Algarve Property**  
.com  
Professional Estate Agents  
Mobile: +351 912 265 109  
[Robert@AlgarveProperty.com](mailto:Robert@AlgarveProperty.com)  
[www.AlgarveProperty.com](http://www.AlgarveProperty.com)



**Robert Kootstra**  
your professional real estate consultant  
Gor. Lic. AMI 2196



**PICOTA**  
Ref. TC102729  
Building plot with stunning panoramic country and sea views. 4.690 sq.m. excellently located with easy access on tarmac road. Approved project for four bedroom villa with approx. 732 sq.m. of constructed area and large swimming pool.



**VILAMOURA**  
Ref. T82081  
LOCATION - DESIGN - EXCLUSIVITY  
Prestigious area of Vilamoura, surrounded by magnificent luxury villas. 1.651 sq.m. with 317 sq.m. constructed area. Excellent finishes. Living with fireplace. Fitted kitchen. A/C. Central vacuum cleaning system. Alarm. Electric shutters. Fabulous terrace and pool area.



**SÃO BRÁS DE ALPORTEL**  
Ref. V102689  
Magnificent 3 bedroom villa located on a very quiet area. Stunning country and sea views. 1.528 sq.m. plot with 317 sq.m. constructed area. Excellent finishes. Living with fireplace. Fitted kitchen. A/C. Central vacuum cleaning system. Alarm. Electric shutters. Fabulous golf and sea views. Great investment. Brand new.



**VILAMOURA**  
Ref. EA102798  
Two bedroom apartments excellently located inside the Millennium Golf Course. Exclusive community with large green areas and swimming pool. Top quality modern finishes. Fully fitted kitchen. Air conditioning. Private parking space and storage. Fabulous golf and sea views. Great investment. Brand new.



RELAX

GMT are just a phone call away 24:7

24:7

## HOME EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICE

Property maintenance &amp; home improvements

+351 282 098 600

info@gmt247.eu

www.gmt247.eu

**LUÍS AGUIAR & ASSOCIADOS**  
Soc. ADVOGADOS R.L.

**ADVOGADOS**  
LAWYERS · SOLICITORS

**LAGOS**

[www.la-associados.pt](http://www.la-associados.pt)

Rua Dr. Francisco Sá Carneiro 44-D · Apartado 368 Lagos  
(No edifício dos Correios da Ameijeira. At the Ameijeira Post Office Building)

Tel: (+351) 282 761 449 · Fax: (+351) 282 768 171  
Email: info@la-associados.pt



go to  
[www.theportugalnews.com](http://www.theportugalnews.com)  
 click on the icon and add  
 YOUR event or see what's on

Get those jobs done with a little help from DIY guru Julia Gray.

## Top tips on insulating and draught proofing your home to help get through the big freeze.

.. If you've got a fireplace that isn't in use, heat's being lost up the chimney, and cold air's coming down it. Solve the problem

by sealing off the opening to the chimney above, either by boarding over it, stuffing it with loft insulation or old curtains, or fit-

ting a chimney balloon, which can be deflated if you want to use the fireplace.

.. Blinds look great, but having both blinds and curtains will keep more heat in and cold air out. Putting up a curtain pole is relatively easy for DIYers to do, as long as you have a good screw driver and an electric cable

and pipe detector so you don't drill into anything you shouldn't.

.. If a radiator feels cold at the top, air's trapped in it so it isn't filling fully with hot water. To solve the problem, cover the floor under the bleed valve (usually at the side of the radiator) with newspaper or a dustsheet, insert a radiator

key or small screwdriver and carefully turn it until you hear air escaping. When water starts coming out, quickly shut off the valve. Only bleed your radiators when they're cold and the heating's turned off.

.. Fill the gaps around your skirting boards and window and door frames with flexible filler. General flexible filler is rubbery and can't be sanded so you need to apply it neatly, but flexible wood filler can be sanded in

the normal way.

.. Got a big gap at the bottom of an internal door? This can let lots of cold air in, especially if the door opens onto your hall. Screw a brush draught excluder onto the hall or landing side of the door, make or buy a fabric 'sausage' to plug the gap, or fix a piece of wood to the bottom of the door. Once this is done, fill, sand and paint over it - probably not the most attractive solution but a better quick fix than going to the trouble of sizing and fitting a new door.



## HAVE IT ALL NIGHT LONG!

**SKY** **S.O.S.** **tv**

**SKY DIGITAL TELEVISION**

**Believe in Better**

**All Your Channels**  
**All Night Long Guaranteed**  
**The Best Reputation on the Algarve**

Chris Whitman  
 916 378 722  
 sosskydigital@msn.com



[www.furnishyourabode.com](http://www.furnishyourabode.com)



**COME AND VISIT OUR STUNNING SHOWROOM**  
**NOLTE KITCHENS HAVE ARRIVED !**



- Established leading German brand
- Innovative design
- Many head turning ranges
- Bespoke fitting service

**FURNITURE PACK SPECIALISTS**  
**BUY AS LITTLE OR AS MUCH AS YOU NEED.....**



- Bedroom
- Dining
- Living
- Outdoor
- Sofas & Sofabeds
- Linen & Towels
- Home Accessories
- BBQ's



+351 282 762 070



0870 803 29 70



Email: [info@abode-group.com](mailto:info@abode-group.com)

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday: 10am – 6pm, Saturdays: 10am – 5pm



## Windows and Doors in PVC & Aluminium

Manufacturer of  
glass curtains and  
roof skylights

Security front doors,  
folding systems,  
conservatories,  
insect protection,  
roller shutters,  
aluminium shutters.

Any kind of repair &  
maintenance service



Rua de Faro, nº14 • 8005-531  
Santa Bárbara de Nexe  
(near the Algarve football stadium)

Mob: 911 199 888 • Tel: 289 998 050 • Fax: 289 998 279  
giantswindows@hotmail.com • www.giantswindows.net

Opening times:  
Monday - Friday  
09.00h - 13.00h & 15.00h - 18.00h  
Saturday: Closed

## Best Selection of Properties Across The Algarve

Lagos, Ref: S1210  
REDUCED BY 19% €440.000!!!

- Brand new detached villa
- 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms
- Heating, triple garage, large roof terrace
- Saltwater pool, gardens, fabulous views
- Only 1km to Lagos, golf and beaches



S. Brás de Alportel, Ref: S580  
REDUCED BY 15% €595.000!!!



- Modern detached villa
- 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms
- Heating, A/C, large basement
- 1.100m<sup>2</sup> elevated plot, pool, gardens
- 10 mins to Loulé, 15kms to coast



info@togofor-homes.com  
www.togofor-homes.com  
Office Tel.: 282 432 004  
Shop in Alvor Tel: 282 476 568  
Fax Number: 282 458 177

## ALGARVE REMOVALS

### Relax, your move is in safe hands.

#### REMOVALS

- Weekly full or part load removal service to and from UK, Portugal & Ireland
- Full or part packing service
- One box to full load removals
- Villa to villa moves within the Algarve



#### STORAGE

- Storage warehouses in both the UK & the Algarve
- Self storage available for long or short periods
- Fully insured, secure and alarmed



#### ONLINE SHOPPING

- Shop online at main high street stores and have your items delivered the following week
- Anything from one to multiple items

Call us now for  
a FREE quote

UK Tel: 0044 (0)1245 468888  
Mob: 0044 (0)7711 179842

Algarve Tel: 00351 289 513851  
Mob: 00351 968019226

Email: sales@algarveremovals.com

[www.algarveremovals.com](http://www.algarveremovals.com)

**IMMACULATE APARTMENT**  
Price: €160.000,00  
Ref: A912

*Hot Property*



Cerro das Mós is a nice residential urbanization in town, quiet area close to all amenities, developed on an elevated position offering some nice surrounding views, ideal to both reside or as a holiday home. This is an immaculate, very bright and spacious apartment comprising 3 large bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (one is en-suite), ample living/dining with fireplace leading to a lovely balcony, fully fitted modern kitchen, pantry, underground parking space and storage. Built in 2004, total area 158m<sup>2</sup>. Viewing is recommended to fully appreciate its value.

António J. M. Marcela – Soc. Med. Imob. Lda.  
Rua Lima Leitão nº31 1º • 8600-748 Lagos  
Tel./Fax: +351 282 788 265 • Mob: +351 912 502 023  
[www.marcelaproperties.com](http://www.marcelaproperties.com)  
info@marcelaproperties.com

Furniture Pack Specialists . Free Consultations and Estimates . Curtains . Sofas . Bedrooms . Mattresses . Terrace Furniture . Artwork & Framing . Wallpaper . Free Delivery & Installation

Complete Bed €349.00  
Bed Side Table €169.00  
Mattress 150x195cm €165.00



**Do you want Quality Furnishings...  
but don't want to pay the price?**

**10%**  
Off all products in store with this Advert  
\*Prices shown do not include Discount

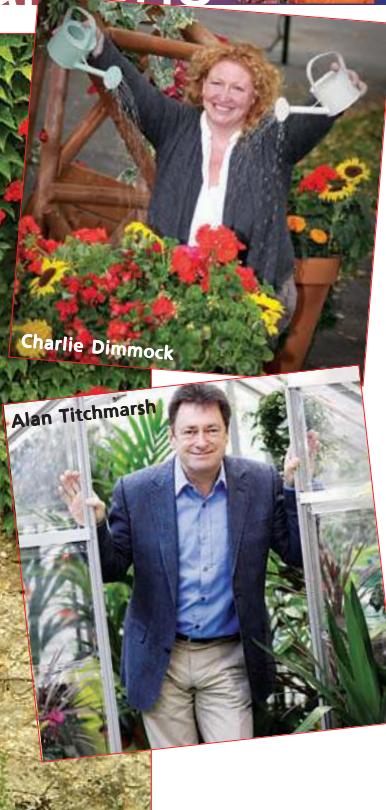
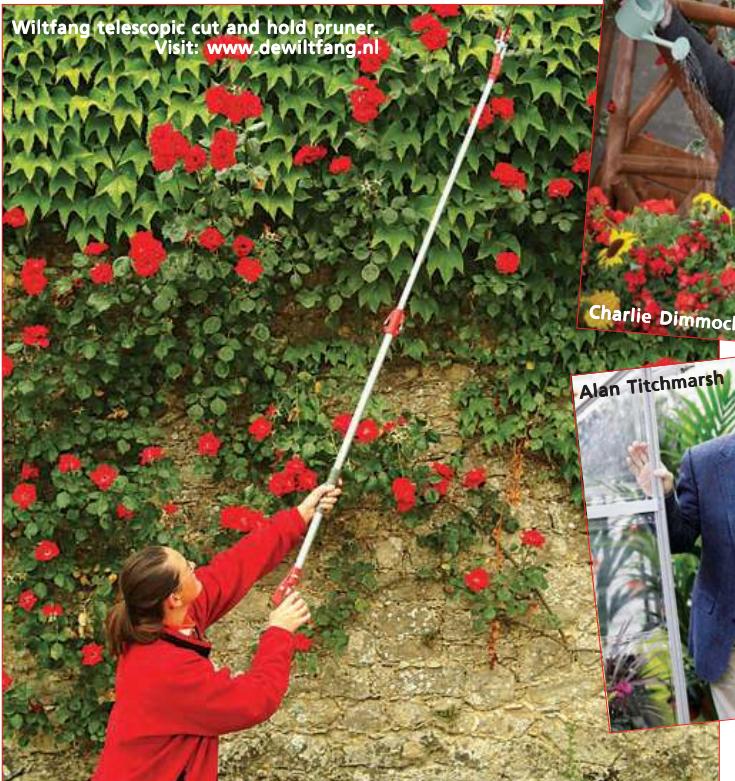
Furniture Pack Specialists . Free Consultations and Estimates . Curtains . Sofas . Bedrooms . Mattresses . Terrace Furniture . Artwork & Framing . Wallpaper . Free Delivery & Installation

[www.simpletaste.pt](http://www.simpletaste.pt) - info@simpletaste.pt

Loja 5 Avenida da Liberdade . Albufeira (Old Town) . Tel +351 309 700 607



**SIMPLE TASTE**  
Interior Solutions Lda



# All I want for Christmas

Hannah Stephenson talks to a bunch of celebrity gardeners and asks what's on their Christmas list this year

What do you give the celebrity gardener who has everything? Here's a few of the items on their wish list which may provide gift seekers with a little inspiration.

• Gardening writer and presenter Alan Titchmarsh says: "I've just discovered a great Dutch supplier of garden tools called de Wiltfang ([www.dewiltfang.nl](http://www.dewiltfang.nl)) and would love one of their long-arm pruners which has a pair of secateurs at the end of a 2m pole. Great for pruning fruit trees without a ladder!"

And what would he give? "I'd be happy to make any gardening friend a present of a de Wiltfang garden sprinkler - great for the veg patch since it's made of brass and steel and so lasts much longer than plastic models. Mine was hugely useful last summer."

• TV gardener Charlie Dimmock, who has downed tools for the festive season to appear in

a pantomime in Windsor, says: "At the moment I'm after a folly to go at the end of my garden. I would much rather have that than a statue as a focal point. I have an avenue of lavender hedge and a pretty holly hedge with an arch in it and the folly would be beyond that."

"I'd also like to receive some hardy shrubs with bold foliage, such as variegated fatsia or Pittosporum, to give a backdrop to my herbaceous border."

What would she give? "You can never have enough secateurs - the number of times I've put a pair down and can't find them again - so I'd buy gardening friends some good quality secateurs such as Felco."

• Award-winning garden designer and TV broadcaster Chris Beardshaw, whose new series of Get Up & Grow airs on BBC Northern Ireland next spring, says: "When I am not in the gar-

den I love to be out on my road bike and so if I could have anything for Christmas it would be a bamboo bike. I had the pleasure of riding one recently and far from being a gimmick it is a serious contender to carbon or aluminium frames and it was an incredible piece of engineering. The bamboo is reputed to be the lightest and the strongest material available and the fibrous structure of the bamboo provides great shock absorption." For information on bamboo bikes go to [www.bikebamboo.com](http://www.bikebamboo.com).

What would he give? "If money was no object I would buy someone a mini digger for Christmas. There is not much else I can think of which provides so much fun on a garden site. You can become your own 21st century Capability Brown with a mini digger and get really creative. You can use it to dig out and shape a pond for wildlife, create earth mound sculptures or carve out terracing. The only thing is it might be a bit hard to wrap."

• Christine Walkden, plantswoman and regular gardening expert on BBC1's The One

Show, says: "I would love an Access mini-greenhouse frame. I have one already and find it so useful that I would love another. Being attached to the house it benefits from the heat lost through the house."

"It's so useful for raising plants in the spring and for growing tomatoes during the summer and in the winter I use it for over-wintering my non-hardy plants." Details of Access mini-greenhouses on [www.garden-products.co.uk](http://www.garden-products.co.uk) or phone 01788 822301.

"The gift I would love to give is a day's course at a horticultural college or other establishment where the gardener could see skills being demonstrated and then given the opportunity of having a go themselves. There is nothing like doing it practically."

• Adam Pasco, editor of BBC Gardeners' World magazine, says: "I'd be eternally grateful if someone could give me the ultimate control for slugs and snails, but would settle for regular visits by my favourite garden visitor, the song thrush, if that could be arranged."

"Otherwise, I'd like to increase

my garden's productivity by extending the cropping season. I grow my salads and crops in deep beds - timber edged beds about 1m wide, full of enriched soil. I'd love cloches that fit neatly over each bed that help warm and protect early sowings to produce earlier harvests, and also keep crops going through winter."

What would he give? "Gifts that grow are the best gardening presents

for gardeners. Plants given by friends produce a personal bond that you remember every time you look at the plant. My choice would be a fabulous new fragrant rose called 'The One And Only'. It's the most beautiful red hybrid tea rose with a delicious, intoxicating

scent. This is THE rose to give as a gift to someone special in your life, as its name says it all. The roses open into magnificent full double blooms that really need to be admired close-up in your home." The rose is available from [www.thompson-morgan.com](http://www.thompson-morgan.com)

## Good enough to eat - Swiss chard (Leaf beet)

With its colourful stems in shades of red, pink, yellow, white and orange, this easy-to-grow vegetable, rich in iron, is as valued for perk up the look of the vegetable border in winter as it is for its taste. Swiss chard, often grown as an alternative to spinach, should be grown on an open site, in fertile, moist soil, and makes a colourful contrast at the front of a mixed border in winter. Ruby chard is an attractive variety with ruby-red stems, while rainbow chard has a mix of gold and red-stemmed types which look great in the winter garden planted along-

side a dogwood with its coloured stems. Sow seeds from spring to late summer, to harvest throughout the year. If you are growing single plants to produce large leaves for cooking, sow seeds in a tray and plant out once they have germinated, spacing them about 45cm (18in) apart. For cut-and-come-again crops, sow directly into the soil, making a wide drill and sowing thinly. It's an easy veg, so if you weed it and keep the soil moist in dry weather you won't go far wrong. Harvest large leaves for cooking individually, but don't cut too close to the plant.

## Three ways to... Use pots in contemporary design

1. If you want the pot to make an impact, select the pot for its architectural shape rather than plant-holding abilities. Sometimes the pot will provide more of a wow factor without a plant in it.

2. Buy identical pots for a strong statement - a row of three tall containers, for instance, will look more impressive than a group of pots of different shapes, sizes and colours.

3. If you want a burst of colour in a space, consider using a pot rather than a plant for that purpose.



**Q**  
GARDEN

E.N. 125 Odiáxere - 8600 • Lagos • Tel 282 799 633  
[www.qgardenpt.com](http://www.qgardenpt.com)



**Beautiful Nordman CHRISTMAS TREES**



**ALGARVE TREE SERVICES**

PRUNING  
DISMANTLING  
FELLING  
STUMP GRINDING  
BRUSHWOOD CHIPPER  
SERVICE

QUALITY TREE CARE  
ACROSS THE ALGARVE

917 479 921  
[www.algarvetreeservices.com](http://www.algarvetreeservices.com)

PRUNING  
DISMANTLING  
FELLING  
STUMP GRINDING  
BRUSHWOOD CHIPPER  
SERVICE

QUALITY TREE CARE  
ACROSS THE ALGARVE

## CONSTRUCTION

**BUILD SOLUTIONS**  
BRING YOUR BUILDING TO THE PROFESSIONALS

**ADDITIONS - REBUILDS**  
Quality - On Time  
CONTACT US TODAY FOR FREE ESTIMATES!  
Tel: 289 508 075 • 962 848 744 • colin@benel.com  
www.wall2wallconstruction.net

**B & R** Build & Renovate

- Extentions
- Renovations
- New buildings

Working within the English Community more than 10 years

Av. José Costa Mealha N°131-A, R/C Dto. 8100- 500 Loulé  
Tel. 289 417 867 • Mob. 966 570 158 • Fax. 289 417 869  
build.renovate@gmail.com

The Portugal News is distributed  
NATIONALLY.  
Call 707 500 677 for details.

## DO YOUR WALLS LOOK LIKE THIS?

After a wet winter, leaky roofs and water infiltration create unsightly mould and foul damp smells. We can fix it, GUARANTEED!

ALSO:  
Kitchens • Bathrooms  
Roofing • Danish Wooden House Kits

**Jensen Portugal Lda**  
DANISH QUALITY AT LOCAL PRICES  
Mob: 963 947 566 • Fax 289 463 891  
jensenportugal@sapo.pt • www.jensenportugal.com

**Build 4-U Lda**

**Villa Construction & Renovations**  
Over 20 years operating throughout Portugal

Contact Alan McCormick on 919 356 749  
Tel/Fax: 289 093 401  
build-4-u@sapo.pt  
www.build-4-u.com  
Urb. Al-Sakia LHM 11B  
Fonte Santa, 8125 - 020 Quarteira

**HofHouse** PORTUGAL  
construção sustentável



Renovations  
Constructions  
Extensions and conversions  
Project management / Green roofs

Offices: Algoz / Almancil: +351 918 686 213  
Silves: +351 961 580 615  
hofhouseportugal@gmail.com  
www.hofhouseportugal.com

**mestre Construtivo**



**ROOFING & FACADE**



We are your roofing and facade specialists. We know that houses especially in Portugal need the best insulation and sealing systems!

- roofing and plumbing works
- drain systems
- facade renovation
- thermal insulation composite systems
- terrace and roof sealing
- woodwork
- consulting and design

Call: 00351 289 42 25 25 or  
mobile 00351 93 866 92 15

See also at [www.mestre-construtivo.com](http://www.mestre-construtivo.com)

## DECORATING &amp; PAINTING

## Pro Dec

Professional Decorators

- Interior & Exterior
- Professional Preparation
- Only high quality products used
- Free advice & NO obligation
- 35 years trade experience
- Full written specification
- All work guaranteed



Telephone  
916 569 219  
For prompt attention



All property pages can be  
viewed on-line free of charge  
[www.theportugalnews.com](http://www.theportugalnews.com)

To advertise, call our  
Sales Manager on 707 500 677

## INTERIORS &amp; FURNITURE

**10% DISCOUNT**  
when presenting this advert

**THE HIGHEST OF QUALITY**

**DESIGNER TEXTILES**

Quality fabric for less  
suppliers of

Curtains and poles Soft furnishings  
Blinds Upholstery  
Bed covers Furniture

Faro A22  
LAGOS ODIÁXERE N125 PORTIMÃO  
DESIGNER TEXTILES

Tel/Fax: 282 799 610  
Designertextiles@sapo.pt  
Open Mon - Fri: 10am - 6pm  
Loja 11, Parque Commercial do Infante, Torre, Odiáxere, Lagos

**The Curtain Shop**  
Casa dos Cortinados

For all your Soft Furnishings

OUR WORK IS TOP QUALITY &  
OUR PRICES ARE VERY REASONABLE!

- For all your soft furnishings
- Full measuring & fitting service
- Free Quotations
- Re-upholstery service

Rua Dr. Paulo Jorge Godinho, Lote 7, Loja E • LAGOS  
opp. UK Food Supplies • Tel / Fax 282 094 164 •  
email:thecurtainshoplagos@gmail.com

**Angela Marshall**  
Interiors

Soft furnishings for every home or at sea.....

- Curtains made to suit every budget
- Window film, solar protection
- All types of blinds including best quality verticals
- Cushions scatter and seating areas
- Re-upholstery and loose covers
- Boat canvas and interiors

All manipulation of fabric work taken,  
Email:Amarshal@sapo.pt call for a quote today  
Lori :916130236 • Shop:282798419

**The Linen Store**  
home textiles

NOW  
OPEN IN  
LUZ

Towels  
Sheets  
Duvet covers  
Pillows  
Rugs

25 Rua d'Abrial • Praia da Luz  
282 760 770 • 914 207 649  
info@luzalgarve.com

Quality Furniture Packs From €4,995



IDEAL LIVING PORTUGAL LDA

Arriving shortly - new selection of sofas, sofabeds, leather dining chairs & leather beds, all at highly competitive prices.

Please visit our showroom on the EN125 near Quatro Estradas roundabout, 2km west of Almancil. Show apartments also available to view across the Algarve.

Tel: 289 398 573 or 910 410 510  
[www.idealivingportugal.com](http://www.idealivingportugal.com)  
Open: Mon-Fri 09:30-18:00 Sat/Sun By Appointment

## MÓVEIS MALHEIRO

"You have to see it to believe it"

### Household & Garden Furniture



Mon - Sat: 9am - 7pm  
Closed: 1pm - 3pm

Lagos Household Faro  
Garden

Urb. do Malheiro  
R. das Acácias, Lote 4  
8500-331 Portimão

Lagos Garden  
Portimão

Tel: 282 491 583 Fax: 282 492 249  
moveis.malheiro@mail.telepac.pt

### FURNITURE PACKAGES

FROM

1 Bedroom apartment - €1,880.  
2 Bedroom apartment - €2,556.  
ALL items with FREE delivery & assembly

[www.moveismalheiro.com](http://www.moveismalheiro.com)



Transform your home completely or one room at a time



Come and look, be inspired - add style to your home. Furniture and fabrics. In house design service at no extra cost.

Tel: 282 789 849 - Mob: 917 771 831

Email: [luzdecor@world.net.pt](mailto:luzdecor@world.net.pt) - [www.luzdecorhome.com](http://www.luzdecorhome.com)  
Showroom: Lote 38, Vila das Acácias, Praia da Luz

## Furniture World

Tables, Chairs, Beds, Chests, Wardrobes, Coffee Tables, Bookcases, Sofas, Rugs, etc..etc..



Solid Wood Furniture  
All at Realistic Prices

[www.furnitureworld.pt](http://www.furnitureworld.pt)

Urb. da Marateca  
Lote 5, Chincato, Lagos

Lagos  
2km from Lagos  
Next to Solmate  
EN125

Portimão

Tel: 282 798 263

Advertising in our property section give you extra added value both online and in print.

Call 707 500 677

## Algarve CURTAINS

Curtains, Cushions, Bedcovers Made to Measure  
Tracks & Poles Supplied and Fitted  
Foam Cut to Size

### QUALITY WORK AT SENSIBLE PRICES

Tel: 282 493 238 Tlm: 964 677 699  
Rua Infante D'Henriques No. 42, Ferragudo, Lagoa  
PLEASE PHONE FOR APPOINTMENT

### KITCHENS

## Klass Cozinhas



ALSO  
MADE TO  
MEASURE  
WARDROBES

Come visit our showroom in Lagoa  
We are open 6 days a week  
and can offer you  
TOP QUALITY KITCHENS at the  
LOWEST PRICES AROUND  
All construction work undertaken  
282 342 062 or 926 148 240

[www.theportugalnews.com](http://www.theportugalnews.com)

### LEGAL & FINANCE

## MORTGAGE?

We are INDEPENDENT ENGLISH  
MORTGAGE BROKERS

We can help you find the perfect Mortgage deal

- We are Independent English Mortgage Brokers who have an expert knowledge of the mortgage possibilities throughout Portugal.
- We can find you up to 30 year terms and 90% loan to valuation on any kind of Mortgage.
- We deal with all Portuguese banks and have 27 years experience in the finance industry.

### Thousand Markets Lda

For more information call  
tel/fax: 21 386 6109  
mobile: 91 853 9480  
mobile: 91 672 1382  
[www.portugal-mortgagesonline.com](http://www.portugal-mortgagesonline.com)



## Danielle Shrimpton LL.B. Solicitor

Legal Qualifications for UK and Portugal  
Property - Wills / Probate - General Legal Matters

Largo Salazar Moscoso, Lote 4 Loja B  
8600-522 LAGOS - Portugal  
e-mail: [danielle.shrimpton@gmail.com](mailto:danielle.shrimpton@gmail.com)

Tel: 282 080 008  
Fax: 282 181 164  
Mob: 918 787 729

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Put your property in safe hands with



Professional Property Management

Caring professional team with many years experience of property ownership on the western Algarve.

Full range of management services tailored to meet your requirements.

New 'Home Planner Service' full assistance with furnishings & fittings for your home. (even in your absence) Full details on request.

We care about you & your property. We guarantee our best attention at all times.

Complete peace of mind

For a no obligation discussion call Doreen  
Office: 282 792 630 • Mobile: 916 536 783  
[office@apartamentalgarve.com](mailto:office@apartamentalgarve.com)  
[doreen@algarveapartment.co.uk](mailto:doreen@algarveapartment.co.uk)



### MAINTENANCE

### WINDOW REPAIR SERVICE!

glass units  
patio door repairs  
new windows fitted

### CLEANING SERVICES HOME OR OFFICE?

Do you need help with your cleaning?  
Vacuum, dust cleaning, laundry, ironing, window  
cleaning, etc. We can do it by the hour,  
daily or even a weekly or monthly basis!

Carvoeiro - Algarve  
CALL US! 282354045 or 919248282  
[info@glenfordproperties.com](mailto:info@glenfordproperties.com)  
Glenn Ford Properties & Maintenance  
Mediação Imobiliária, Lda.

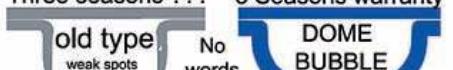
The Portugal News is distributed  
NATIONALLY.  
Call 707 500 677 for details.

### PROPERTY SERVICES



Tel 289 591 662 [info@poolsafe.eu](mailto:info@poolsafe.eu)

FINALLY - A GOOD 500 MICRON POOL COVER  
Three seasons ??? 8 Seasons warranty



Fixed Security Fences and Gates, metal fences  
Steel and glass, Gates, Removable fences  
Hotels, Condos, private. Free onsite survey.  
Call us to make your pool area safe for kids NOW.

[www.poolsafe.eu](http://www.poolsafe.eu) offices:- Salgados Albufeira



**CONCEPT X**  
general constructions  
**LIGHT STEEL FRAME HOMES**  
6 years of experience throughout the Algarve  
Tel. 289 395 717 | Tel. 916 547 761  
[www.conceptx.pt](http://www.conceptx.pt)

Specialists in traditional concrete and Gunite projection pools

NORBERTO & MARUM POOLS AND HOMES

Tel: +351 289 391 691  
info@norberto-marum.com  
EN125 - Almancil - Algarve - POOL SHOP ON EN125 (TROTO)

Mob: +351 916 982 085  
www.norberto-marum.com

Swimming Pool Chemicals  
Heat Pumps - Pool Covers  
Salt Systems - Spas - Jacuzzis  
Sand Filters - Pool Pumps  
Chlorine Free Pool Water Treatment  
Alternative Water Softener

**toldolanda** Imp. e Comércio de Toldos, Lda  
www.toldolanda.com | www.weinor.com  
info@toldolanda.com | Portimão | 914 609 517  
toldos | awnings | markisen | zonwering

See page 2 for our exact print run this week.

**REAL ESTATE**

**Algarve Property .com**  
Tel 00351 289 310 210 - info@algarveproperty.com  
[www.algarveproperty.com](http://www.algarveproperty.com)  
Gov. Lic. AMI 2196

## TRANSPORT

**The Algarve Freight Centre**  
www.algarvefreight.com

Weekly transport & removal service UK - Algarve - UK  
UK Tel: +44 (0)1268 523029 • Portugal Tel: +351 289396154

removals  storage  freight  Online Shopping

**Removals**  
• Weekly service UK-Portugal-UK  
• Full packing service available  
• Competitive rates, 1 box to full load  
• Local & Europe wide service

**Storage**  
• Storage centre in the UK & the Algarve  
• Safe, secure and fully alarmed Centres  
• Free storage for limited periods when using our removal or freight service

**Freight**  
• Own fleet of modern vehicles  
• Curtainsiders-Box trailers-reefers  
• Tail-lifts -sliding roof- chilled/frozen loads

All major credit cards accepted

email: [info@algarvefreight.com](mailto:info@algarvefreight.com)

We are here to help with all your advertising needs, just call our Sales Manager on 707 500 677

**THE PORTUGAL News**  
Established 1977

**Portugal Auctions**  
Pro-Active Property Marketing

**Buying or Selling Property?**  
Pro-active Property Marketing through Auctions, Exhibitions & i-spy360 Virtual Tours  
Welcome to our Website [www.portugalauctions.com](http://www.portugalauctions.com)  
Email: [sales@portugalauctions.com](mailto:sales@portugalauctions.com) or telephone Morag on 91 420 9965

**Solar Safe Pool Covers**

THE most cost effective way to heat your pool Increases water temperature by 8°C, doubles pool usage season, safe for children and pets, keeps pool clean, saves water, no ugly roll station. Peter Read 963 346 631 [solarsafecovers@hotmail.com](mailto:solarsafecovers@hotmail.com) • [www.solarsafepoolcovers.com](http://www.solarsafepoolcovers.com)

The 6th largest weekly newspaper in Portugal, in ANY language!

**THE PORTUGAL News**  
Established 1977

Insure your property in Portugal through **The Portugal News**

## PROPERTY INSURANCE

**UP TO 40%**  
RISK RELATED DISCOUNT ON PROPERTY INSURANCE

This exclusive Intasure policy, underwritten by **LLOYDS OF LONDON**, has been specially designed to meet the needs of property owners in Portugal. It is available exclusively through **The Portugal News** in Portugal.

For more information, call 707 500 025. You will receive friendly advice and a quick quote with absolutely no obligation.

- ✓ Buy on the phone
- ✓ Instant cover
- ✓ Underwritten by LLOYDS OF LONDON
- ✓ Fully comprehensive cover
- ✓ Policy documents in English
- ✓ High level of public liability

**News**

**intasure**  
Insurance that speaks your language

As an owner of a property in Portugal make sure you get the right insurance cover, designed specifically for you.

- Your cover is underwritten by one of the world's leading insurers - **Lloyds of London**
- Up to 40% risk-related discount available, depending on security, claims experience, excess level and your age
- Your property is covered whether occupied or unoccupied
- Your property is covered if let short term or long term
- Excellent discounts for choosing higher excess
- All policy documents are in English
- Policy covers your swimming pool as well as buildings
- Policy covers public liability of £5m or €7.5m in regard to buildings and contents (traditionally, Portuguese policies provide minimal public liability cover)
- Loss of rent included following a claim
- Covers the purchase of your home during the period between exchange of contracts and completion
- Covers temporary accommodation following a claim
- Wider cover than a standard Portuguese buildings and contents policy
- All claims are reported to and resolved by a UK based English speaking team
- Optional Accidental Damage cover
- Off-Property Cover available
- Policy available in either GBP or Euros - Claims paid in either

Call 707 500 025 for more information and a quick quote  
Authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority



Anne Green with Chef Bernard Luciano



Cristina Teixeira, Noreen &amp; Jos Zweegers and Hilary Goulden enjoying themselves



Mette Ahlgreen, Jorgen Fuglsang and Anneli Lindroos comparing Nordic Area notes

## French connections for the Algarve wine society

Le Meridien Penina was the setting for the Algarve Wine Society's annual Christmas festivities last Saturday.

Contrary to previous tradition, the event was held in the evening and took the form of a "Wine Pairing" devised by Executive Head Chef Bernard Luciano. The Chef first selects his wines and then cooks a meal accordingly and, as was discovered, it was a highly successful formula. It was an interesting fact of this function that this was originally a French concept, Chef Bernard Luciano is French, Mathieu de Tonnac, the youthful General Manager of the Hotel, is French and, indeed, the sponsoring Douro based wine maker and owner of Odisseia, Jean Hugues Gros is French.

This was followed by a more complex white wine, an Odisseia Reserva Branco 2008, more grown up and with a hint of new wood. This time the Chef served a ballotine "Mi Cuit" of Foie Gras served with a quince chutney and wild pink peppercorns from the Monchique hills. The latter, surely, a first for many and attractively presented on the twig!

Just under fifty people, a mixture of members and those on the waiting list for membership, gathered in the lovely, beautifully decorated Sagres room to enjoy a wonderful array of canapés and an Espumante Bruto Quinta de Santa Cristina.

On being seated the wine maker, Jean Hugues Gros, was introduced by Anne Green, MC, and after giving a little background on himself and his label, he proceeded to give a short resume on the character of each of the wines he was

providing. The sponsorship of the wines, it should be said, was being done in conjunction with Odisseia's agent in the Algarve, Salvintage, which has just opened a wine outlet near the Club Náutico in Portimão.

Dinner itself commenced with an Odisseia Branco 2009. Lovely, flowery and fruity. It was served with a magnificent, specimen Tiger Prawn on a satay of pistachio and peanuts. Delicious.

This was followed by a more complex white wine, an Odisseia Reserva Branco 2008, more grown up and with a hint of new wood. This time the Chef served a ballotine "Mi Cuit" of Foie Gras served with a quince chutney and wild pink peppercorns from the Monchique hills. The latter, surely, a first for many and attractively presented on the twig!

Next came an Odisseia Grand Reserva Tinto 2007, magnum thereof, decanted. A wine with a perfect balance of ripe fruit and wood. It was accompanied by a lovely pink, rack of Roasted Lamb sitting on a chestnut risotto with black truffle essence.

Finally an LBV port com-



Jurgen &amp; Isabella Lange in the festive spirit

plemented a Dark (rich) chocolate and blueberry Fondant with wild berries.

As in all previous years a free draw of wonderful wines and ports was held with a good representation of those in the room going home delighted with their winnings. Dancing to Nigel and Sarah of "Collars and Cuffs" commenced and those with the energy danced the night away. A majority of the revelers availed themselves of the wonderfully soft, exceptionally comfortable beds that the hotel could offer and enjoyed a hearty breakfast the next morning.

This Christmas dinner concluded The Algarve Wine Society's 2010 program, although 2011 will be off to a fast start with a tasting at the Tivoli Hotel in Vilamoura on Saturday, January 22. Membership in The Algarve Wine Society is at its upper limit, and there is a waiting list, but if you would like information about the Society please contact the Secretary, Larry Hampton, by email: hampton@mail.telepac.pt

## Special Christmas Lunch

Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> December was a one of those rare days in the Algarve when the usually clear skies were dull and chilly from dawn to dusk, quite unlike the micro climate at Vila Joya where the Chaine des Rôtisseurs held their very special Christmas lunch because right from the start there was an atmosphere of warmth and friendliness as almost fifty members and friends were welcomed by kisses, hugs and handshakes and glasses of bubbly.

Before the lunch began there was a short presentation of the Fita Preta wines we were to be served by the charming and eloquent David Booth. There were five wines in all, the first of which was the highly noticeable white wine called Sexy. It is not a name anyone could forget and while most of us had seen it on the shelves, very few had tasted it or imagined how well it would accompany the numerous little pre lunch canapés. The feast began in earnest with a lovely Duo of Langoustines with Papaya and hot and spicy vinaigrette teamed with a glass of Fita Preta Branco.

After all those savoury dishes it was time for something light and sweet; what better than a Crispy Cannelloni with a Champagne sorbet teamed with a sip or two of delicious Moscatel Roxo 1999 from Domingos Soares Coleção Privada. Hmmm, contentment.

Vive La Chaîne and vive la bonhomie, with which it always goes hand in hand.

**Popular dishes:**

Meat Cataplana & Clams

Grilled Mixed Fish

Speciality Pork Dishes (every saturday)

Show this advert, and receive a **10% discount**

**Reserve your table**  
Tel 289 994 243

Open for lunch & dinner. Closed Sunday  
Esteval, Almancil (close to Estádio do Algarve)

**NEW WINTER MENU**  
come explore, questions and experience the pleasures of taste

Encerra à segunda-feira | Closed on Monday  
Telf./Phone: 282 339 357 Blog: [www.mussiene.wordpress.com](http://www.mussiene.wordpress.com)  
GPS: 37°14'52.93"N 8°17'04.98"W  
[www.mussiene.com](http://www.mussiene.com)  
(em construção | under construction)

# Gifts good enough to eat

Food author Annie Bell talks to Sarah O'Meara, and styles up a selection of homemade recipes to create gorgeous, vintage-looking Christmas gifts from her book *Gifts From the Kitchen* by Annie Rigg.

## Chocolate and hazelnut spread

(Makes 1 X 450g Jar)

75g blanched hazelnuts  
100g dark chocolate (72% cocoa solids), chopped  
100ml condensed milk  
1-2tbsp hazelnut oil  
pinch of salt  
3-4tbsp hot water

Preheat the oven to 180°C/gas mark 4. Tip the hazelnuts on to a baking sheet and toast in the preheated oven for 5-7 minutes, until pale golden. Remove the nuts from the oven and cool slightly. Tip the warm hazelnuts into a food processor and chop until they become an almost smooth paste.

Gently melt the chocolate, condensed milk and hazelnut oil in a small pan over a low heat. Stir until smooth and add to the hazelnut paste in the food processor. Add a pinch of salt and blend, then add the hot water and blend again until the mixture has a thick, spreadable consistency.

Spoon into a pretty sterilised jar and leave to cool. Cover with a lid and label when cold.

This will keep in the fridge for up to two weeks.



## Restaurants and hotels

**THE WINE BAR**  
Home Cooked Food  
Praça da República Alameda,  
Portimão  
Tel: 282 485 296/914 906 939

**CASA INGLESA**  
Waterfront restaurant,  
Portimão  
Tel: 282 416 290

**THE 19TH HOLE CLUB**  
English/Portuguese cuisine  
Nr Praia Dona Ana, Lagos  
Tel: 282 046 582

**THE FARMSHOP**  
Organic shop & restaurant  
Figueira, Portimão  
Tel: 282 185 886

**MUSSIENE RESTAURANTE**  
SB de Messines  
David 282 339 357  
Tania 918 831 456

**AVENIDA SOL**  
Bistro  
Messines  
282 339 258

**KING RESTAURANT**  
Popular dishes  
Almancil  
Tel: 289 994 243

**BIG REDS**  
Ribs & Steaks  
Alvor  
Tel: Nick Rowe 936 930 066



Open from 10am - 7 days a week  
• Cosy English pub atmosphere  
• Food available all day  
• Full dinner menu Friday & Saturday evening  
• Sunday Roast Lunch 12.30 - 3pm  
• Thursday alternating Quiz & Games Night  
• Themed Evenings coming soon - check our website for further information  
• Premiership Football  
• Christmas Lunches throughout December

Mark & Jackie  
Tel: 282 485 296  
Praça da República Alameda - Portimão  
www.thewinebarportimao.com

## Vin D'oranges (Makes 2 X 500ml Wine Bottles)

750ml fruity rose wine  
100ml vodka  
100ml brandy  
1 vanilla pod  
1 large or 2 small cinnamon sticks  
200g caster sugar  
3 large Seville oranges  
1 lemon



Pour the wine, vodka and brandy into a large (3 litre), sterilised jar. Split the vanilla pod in half and add to the jar with the cinnamon and sugar. Seal securely and give it a good shake to dissolve the sugar into the alcohol.

Wash the oranges and the lemon and pat dry on kitchen paper. Cut the fruit in half and then into 5mm thick slices. Add the sliced oranges and lemon to the jar, seal and shake again.

Leave the vin d'oranges in the fridge for about one month, giving it a good shake every now and then. Strain, decant into pretty sterilised bottles and label.

This will keep, decanted, in the fridge, for two to three months.

## Oatmeal biscuits for cheese

(Makes 25-30 biscuits)

50g oat bran or oatmeal  
175g wholemeal flour  
2tsp baking powder  
1tsp dried mustard powder  
1/2tsp freshly ground black pepper  
1tsp sea salt  
100g unsalted butter, diced and chilled  
2tbsp golden caster sugar  
3tbsp milk  
Plain flour, for rolling

Sift the oat bran, flour, baking powder, mustard powder, pepper and salt into a large bowl and add any bran left in the sieve. Tip into the bowl of a food processor and add the diced butter and caster sugar.

Using the pulse button, process the mixture until the butter has been rubbed into the flour. Add the milk and pulse again until the mixture comes together to form a dough. Put it on to a flour-dusted work surface and knead very lightly to just bring it together. Cover with a clean cloth and set aside for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile preheat the oven to 180°C/gas mark 4 and line two baking trays with non-stick baking parchment.

Lightly flour the work surface again, then roll the dough slightly thicker than a pound coin and cut out shapes, using a biscuit cutter. Re-roll any trimmings.

Prick the biscuits with a fork, arrange on the prepared baking trays and bake on the middle shelf of the preheated oven for about 12 minutes, or until starting to turn golden at the edges. You may need to swap the trays over halfway through cooking.

Cool the biscuits on the baking trays for two minutes, then transfer them to a wire cooling rack.

Stored in an airtight tin, these biscuits will keep for a couple of weeks.



## Cashew and almond barfi

200g unsalted cashews  
200g ground almonds  
125g caster sugar  
397g can of condensed milk  
75ml full fat milk  
1/2 tsp ground cardamom  
1tsp rosewater  
2tbsp clarified butter or ghee  
6 sheets of edible silver leaf

thickens and comes away from the pan smoothly in a thick mass. It should be the consistency of a loose bread dough or choux pastry.

Tip the mixture into the prepared tin and spread level with either a palette knife or a rubber spatula. Leave to cool for 10 minutes.

Very carefully peel one sheet of silver leaf at a time from the book and lay on the surface of the barfi to completely cover it. Leave to set completely, then cut into diamonds with a sharp knife or a pizza wheel.

Package in a single layer in a shallow box lined with waxed or non-stick baking parchment.

Stored in an airtight container, these will keep for up to one week.



## Christmas day Menu

### STARTER DISHES TO CHOOSE FROM

- Deep-fried brie served with cranberry and port sauce
- Oriental duck salad \*\*\*\*
- Tomato basil soup

### MAIN DISHES TO CHOOSE FROM

- Roast turkey chestnut stuffing chipolatas herb roasted potatoes & seasonal vegetables
  - Roast beef
  - Wild mushroom strudel Madeira sauce \*\*\*\*
- Christmas pudding with brandy cream
  - Coffee
  - Mints

### ALL FOR €35 PER PERSON

**€25 CHILD UNDER 10**

deposit required



Quatro Estradas, Alvor at the roundabout next to Alto Golf turning.  
Call 936 930 066 for bookings

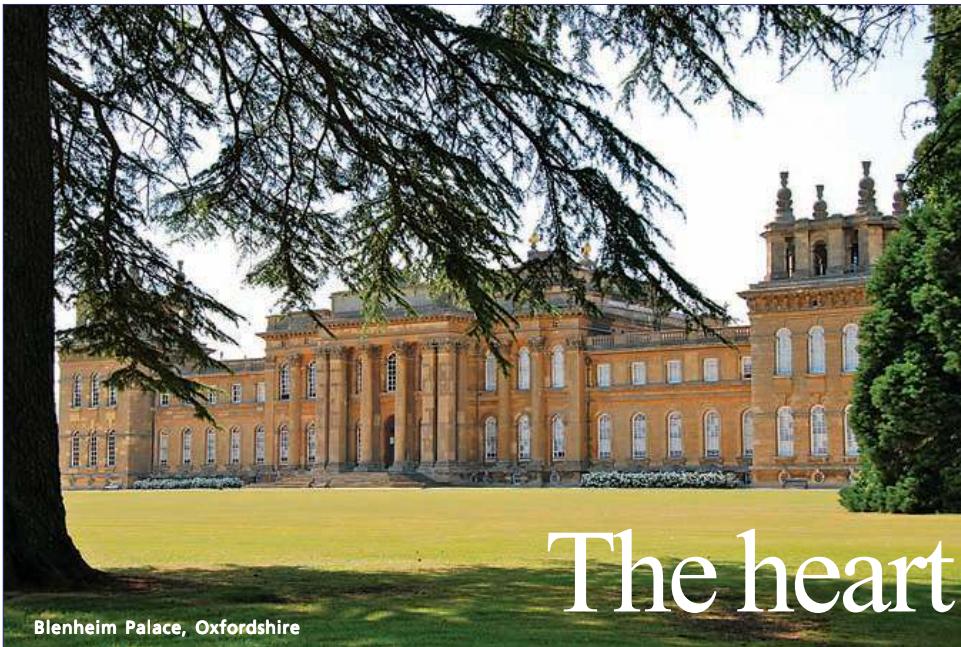
The Farmshop is here! Benedicte and Alister are pleased to welcome you to their cosy place in Figueira.



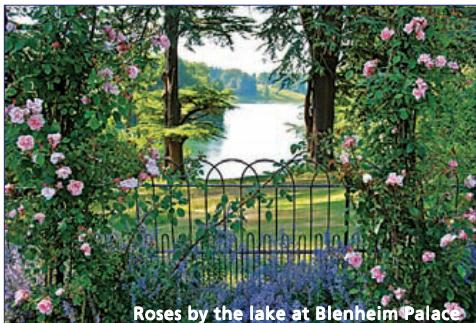
The Farmshop is now open to the public every day from 10 am to 8 pm except for Sundays on EN 125 6 km. west of Portimão.

Further information call 282 185 886 or email: thefarmshopportugal@gmail.com

- Unique selection of fine wines from the Algarve and Alentejo
- Gourmet products - honey, virgin olive oil, aged balsamic vinegar and pasta
- Chouricos from Monchique and locally made cheeses.
- Preserves, marmalades, chutneys and spices from Jonnie Pratts Good Mood Food range.
- Aloe Vera products.
- Freshly baked bread, cakes and Apfelstrudel from German baker Kalle.
- Cafe with daily dishes, soups and desserts, inside or outside in the wintergarten in front of a roaring fireplace.
- Free Wi-Fi

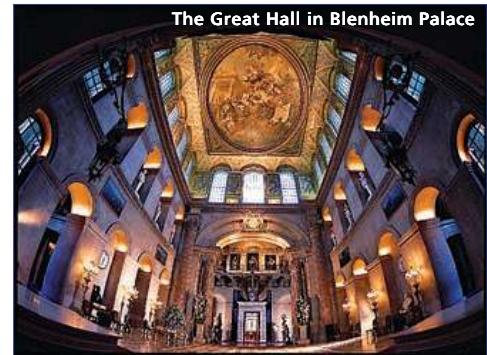


Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire



Roses by the lake at Blenheim Palace

# The heart of England



Home is where the heart is, as Sarah O'Meara discovers with a trip to Oxfordshire.

## Special Reader Offers on Royal Caribbean & Celebrity Cruises



In association with Melair, the official agents for the above cruise lines in Portugal, readers can benefit by the following:

- The very best current prices
- A price guarantee if prices lower prior to your cruise
- Helpful and expert advice in English

### PLUS:

A complimentary bottle of champagne will be waiting for you in your stateroom as a *Portugal News* reader.

Departures also from Malaga and Barcelona

See reviews of the ships on our Travel Website: [www.travel.theportugalnews.com](http://www.travel.theportugalnews.com)

For the best prices and the best advice, call Melair on (+351) 210 329 416 (in English) and please mention that you are a *Portugal News* reader to benefit from very special arrangements.

*Come and relax  
in luxury ...*

Hotel Estoril Eden  
Monte Estoril - Portugal  
www.estorileden.com

Avenida de Sabóia, 209 – Monte Estoril 2769-502 Estoril Portugal  
Tel: +351 214 667 6 00 Fax: +351 214 667 6 01  
Email: geral@hotelestorileden.pt | <http://www.hotelestorileden.pt>



Blenheim Palace

On the surface, my family's decision to spend a weekend in Eynsham was not too dramatic a change of pace.

Our UK family home is also in a medieval town represented by a Conservative MP (though not, as in Eynsham's case, David Cameron), near a University city (Cambridge rather than Oxford), and has the odd stately home on its doorstep, although rather smaller than Eynsham's Blenheim Palace.

The reason for our move was the prospect of spending time in a grand period home, rather than our detached, modern house.

On our first day in east Oxfordshire, we tramped through the fields behind Eynsham town, coming across country pile after country pile. But as the temporary owners of a local Georgian townhouse ([vivat-trust.org](http://vivat-trust.org)), we felt nothing but neighbourly good cheer for these lucky folk.

And while the sound of military planes roaring overhead from RAF Brize Norton did occasionally threaten to drown out conversation, no level of noise could smother the happy sound of six people talking about their move, albeit temporary, up the social ladder.

The Vivat Trust offers people the chance to experience some of the most beautiful historic buildings in England and Scotland, by re-purposing them as holiday accommodation. And they're often set in the most idyllic locations.

Of the 24 homes in Scotland and England in its portfolio, the Vivat Trust owns 10 - and manages the rest for private owners.

Mulberry House is one of its newest properties, sleeping seven. It was the home of a single lady whose son kindly passed management of the home to the charity.

You can still feel the edifying, gentle presence of the former owner in every room, decorated as the Grade II-listed building is with drawings of flowers, landscapes, framed tapestries, colourful pottery - and plenty of elegant, culturally significant books.

Surrounded by such a rich inheritance during our weekend break, the group fell naturally into happy habits of reading, relaxing, playing charades and drifting leisurely from room to room in search of more fun pursuits - before heading out into the fresh air to clear our heads.

With Aga-related songs in our hearts, we enjoyed walks around the Eynsham countryside, chattering non-stop about the house's elegant curtains with pulleys, embroidered chair covers and antique furniture.

We discovered that there really is no better place than Oxfordshire to pretend to live in the past.

One afternoon we rounded a corner and found tank in someone's back field, apparently placed there as an historic ornament (we hoped).

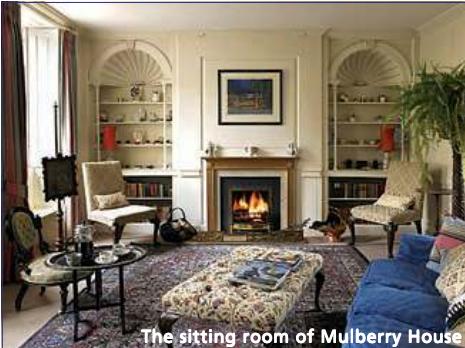
Further up the road we found the Mason Arms pub in the small village of South Leigh, where the clock apparently stopped circa 1954. As we sat by the fire, a group of red-faced, blazer-wearing men entered and began to puff contentedly on cigars, while sipping Vermouth.

Metres away, surrounded by sepia photos of men sitting in classic racing cars grinning widely, we enjoyed our beers and their left... just in case the ladies in our party suddenly lost their right to vote.

After a few days of general pottering, it was time for a proper group trip. Blenheim Palace, home to the 11th Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and birth-



A bedroom at Mulberry House



The sitting room of Mulberry House



Mulberry House, Eynsham, Oxfordshire

place of Winston Churchill, is a few minutes' drive from Eynsham and has just opened for its festive season.

Towering Christmas Trees fitted snugly in the 20-metre high Great Hall when we arrived and Christmas peeped from every 18th century alcove as we moved around the palace ([www.blenheimimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimimpalace.com)).

Built to celebrate the first Duke of Marlborough's victory at the battle of Blenheim in 1704, the scale of grandeur reflects some of the more racy moments of its social history.

When Consuelo Vanderbilt - an American heiress with a weakness for French furniture - married a Marlborough, her love of all things European led to an influx of tapestries, elaborate paneling and paintings to rival Versailles.

This perfect 19th century marriage of American dollars and European taste transformed this bankrupt estate into a fairytale setting - and although the marriage may have been socially engineered and fundamentally

flawed, it's now an historic architectural legacy attracting millions each year.

Its last, most significant guests were film producers shooting a new version of Gulliver's Travels, which is due to be released on 22 December this year.

In the nearby village of Bladon, Churchill's imposing grave in a classically English churchyard offers a moving and distant view through the trees of his childhood home.

After a day spent dreaming of living lives as unhappy, yet well furnished, aristocrats, we left the estate and headed to the nearby village of Kingston Bagpuize, affectionately called Bagpuiss by locals, in search of the country house restaurant Fallowfields ([www.fallowfields.com](http://www.fallowfields.com)).

Post-suffocating luxury, it was a pleasure to be welcomed into a more modern environment. At this award-winning and ethically-minded restaurant, the fruit and vegetables come from their kitchen garden, the pork, beef, eggs, chicken and duck from their farm - and everything else from

local Oxfordshire suppliers.

The wonderfully short menu suggested everything would be good, so after some stiff G&Ts to get the party going, we tucked into lush soups, juicy terrines and sweet plates of fish, before attacking main courses of local venison, well cooked sirloin and tender Fallowfields' rare breed pork.

Then, there was nothing for it, but to hail a hansom cab and settle in front of the fire, for another jolly game of cards.

#### Key facts: Eynsham, Oxfordshire

- **Best for:** Cosy weekends away with friends and family.
- **Time to go:** Winter - so you can light that fire.
- **Don't miss:** Eating Venison Loin Roast at Fallowfields restaurant.
- **Need to know:** Blenheim Palace is magical at Christmas.

#### Travel facts

Sarah O'Meara was a guest of Vivat Trust Holidays, which offers minimum three-night self-catering stays at Mulberry House (sleeping seven) from £507/€598 in its 2011 brochure, with seven nights from £780/€921. Peak season (Aug) prices are £860/€1,015 and £1,322/€1560 respectively.

Vivat's 2011 brochure is available in mid-December, when it launches a new website ([www.vivat-trust.org](http://www.vivat-trust.org)) which will accept online bookings and non-returnable deposits (one third of total charge).

For more information about local tourist attractions and events in Oxfordshire visit [www.visitoxfordandoxfordshire.com](http://www.visitoxfordandoxfordshire.com) or for details of local walks visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk) and search for Oxfordshire Countryside Access Map.



**Travel Insurance**  
For people living in Portugal  
Arrange instant low cost cover online  
[www.globelink.co.uk](http://www.globelink.co.uk)  
or call us on 0044 1353 699082

**Travel in mind?**  
We offer a highly personalised service to anywhere in the world

**€30**  
Discount on any €800 or more Holiday Package (no credit card charges) upon presentation of this advert

Worldwide holiday promotions, rent-a-car, discounted golf, flights, transfers, villa rentals and property management

**Via-PG**  
Viagens e Turismo

Find us in front of the Community Garden in Almancil or e-mail reservations @via-pg.com Tel: 289 398 412

**LONG WEEKEND in MONTE GORDO €52 PER PERSON (min 2 pax)**

\*\*\*\*HOTEL CASABLANCA INN\*\*\*\*

3 Days, 2 Nights, Half board, Welcome drink on arrival Friday, after 15:00hr + Dinner Saturday, Breakfast + Dinner Sunday, Breakfast and Check-Out at 12:00hr (Extra nights: €25 per night, per person, half board)  
Bookings: Direct with Hotel Tel: 281 511 444 • Fax 281 511 999  
E-mail: [hotel@casablancainn.pt](mailto:hotel@casablancainn.pt) [www.casablancainn.pt](http://www.casablancainn.pt)

**OPENING THE DOORS TO NEW EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS**  
FARO AIRPORT. EUROPE STARTS HERE

BOURNEMOUTH  
BRISTOL  
COLOGNE  
CORK

DONCASTER  
EDINBURGH  
EINDHOVEN  
EXETER

HAMBURG  
LEEDS  
LONDON GATWICK  
PARIS

**ANZ** Aeroportos  
Algarve

Choose your destination: [www.faroairport.com.pt](http://www.faroairport.com.pt)  
PC, pocket PC or PDA timetable downloads and mapping | Call: +351 289 800 617 | [faro.airport@ana.pt](mailto:faro.airport@ana.pt)

# Why reality scares McKeith



Phobia comes in many forms



As I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! contestant Gillian McKeith very publicly displayed her fear of insects, Lisa Salmon speaks to the experts about why people have phobias, and the best ways of dealing with them

The jungle's teeming with creepy-crawlies - and if you've got an insect phobia, it's not a good place to be.

Nevertheless, the Australian jungle is exactly where Gillian McKeith chose to go to take part in I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!, despite having not only a phobia of insects, but also of water, heights and rats.

Her utter terror when in the presence of "anything that moves" has led to a somewhat sadistic Brit-

ish public repeatedly voting for her to face Bushtucker Trials, which often involve braving insect-related tasks to win food for the camp.

As a result, the You Are What You Eat TV presenter has passed out and been revived with oxygen on several occasions.

So why did she agree to go on the show in the first place?

ITV says celebrities are always asked about their fears and phobias before entering the jungle, and are made aware of the nature of the challenges they'll face.

Before the show started, McKeith herself admitted: "I have had a serious phobia of anything that moves since I was a child.

"I think I am very together as a person... but when I see anything that moves, something takes over me."

"It's involuntary and irrational but I am terrified."

The 51-year-old nutritionist says she had nightmares about what would happen on the show before she went, and did deep breathing exercises to help her cope with the experience.

Before she went, she said: "I feel like I need a rest."

"From what I understand, it will be very peaceful and relaxing, rather than the crazy madness I am used to."

And, clearly underestimating the number of insects she was about to face, she added: "I am hoping I will have an ally in the camp who can get rid of them.

"I don't want to kill them - just get them away from me."

Hypnotherapist Dominic Knight, who is an expert at treating people with phobias, suggests McKeith may have believed the show would help her face her fears: "In her mind she might have thought she could get through it, but she misjudged herself."

"When she finally got there, the nerves, the cameras, and her reputation have all been contributing factors. Anyone would feel uncomfortable in there, but not to the level of passing out. Fainting because of a phobia is very rare."

"The intensity of her fear was astronomical for that to happen."

Knight, who practises in Harley Street, London, says McKeith and other phobics - there are an estimated 10 million in the UK - work themselves up into an intense state of fear.

"They're afraid of how they're going to respond, as opposed to the thing itself," he explains.

Phobics who want to overcome their fears need to really want to do it, says Knight, who promises even those who've had

## Dr John Piper MB, BS, FRCS

Surgery at Armação de Pêra  
Clipsa - Clínica Particular de Saúde, Lda -  
on Mondays and Thursday mornings.

Av. Marginal, Edifício Atlântico I  
8365 Armação de Pêra. Call 282 315 761

Dr. António P. Lopes Teixeira

## CHIROPRACTIC

VERTEBRAL COLUMN SPECIALIST



Care of joints, muscles,  
nerves & other tissues

Urb. Poço Fojo Lt.7 Loja B, Portimão  
E-mail: DrLopesTeixeira@yahoo.com

Tel: 282 423 257  
Tm: 918 248 511

## NURSING

FOR ALL OF YOUR NURSING & CARING NEEDS

24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK



Call 282 688 365 or 937 021 451

## PERFECT SMILE

CLÍNICA DENTÁRIA

### IMPLANT AND COSMETIC DENTISTRY CLINIC

- "Teeth-in-an-hour" (Computer Guided Dental Implant Surgery)
- Smile Makeovers (Porcelain Crowns and Veneers)
- Dental Bleaching
- Fixed Orthodontics
- General Dentistry

Urb. Alto Alferrobal • Lote G, Bloco 2, Lj.8 • 8500-791 Portimão  
GPS: 37°8'37"N / 8°33'11"W  
T/F +351 282 457018 • Urgência: +351 968 394 889  
www.perfect-smile.pt • alvorsmile@gmail.com



Home Visits | Hausbesuche | Domicílios  
Rua do Barranco 2/1  
8400-508 Carvoeiro  
(near taxi rank - Carvoeiro centre)

Tel: +351 962 618 588  
(24hr Service)

Drs. Alexander Hopt  
Javier Avila

Fax: +351 282 356 339  
info@germanclinic.eu  
www.germanclinic.eu

Appointment necessary  
9  
6  
6  
2  
3  
7  
3  
3  
0  
Happy Feet  
Pés & Mais  
Carmen Sáez-Becker  
Professional Chiropody and  
Diabetic Foot Treatment  
Rua 25 de Abril No 30, Alvor  
Rua do Barranco 2, 1º, Carvoeiro



BRITISH DENTAL PRACTITIONER

Dr. John McLean, BDS

### SPECIALISING IN THE CARE OF NERVOUS AND FRIGHTENED PATIENTS

- All costs agreed prior to treatment using the most cost effective solutions;
- Rapid denture repairs, dental implants and removable orthodontics;
- Cosmetic facial contouring practitioner using Botulinum and facial fillers also available at Vale do Lobo Medical Centre

Tel.: 289 543 545 (24h)

Opposite Modelo underground carpark  
Rua do Pacifico, Lote 25-27  
Cerro Alagoa  
8200-166 Albufeira

www.clinicpacifico.com  
clinica.pacifico.albufeira@gmail.com

phobias for decades can beat them, by creating a positive association in the brain with whatever it is they're frightened of.

He recently worked with an arachnophobic who would burst into tears if a spider was in the room.

He got her to giggle at the thought of what she was doing, and find it hilarious. She can now take spiders outside by putting a glass over them, without any hysterics.

"Instead of people working themselves up into sheer terror, they need to work themselves up into pleasure or happiness.

"If they keep doing that and reinforcing it, it becomes automatic."

Knight has dealt with all kinds of phobias, ranging from common ones like a fear of public speaking and fear of flying, to the more bizarre, like cheese phobia.

The hypnotherapist explains he helped a man in Hollywood who couldn't even be in the same room as cheese. But by creating positive associations and making the man see how ridiculous his reaction was, he was soon able to pick cheese up without a problem.

Knight helps phobics disassociate themselves from their phobias, sometimes suggesting they

imagine themselves on a cinema screen responding to their fear in a ridiculous manner.

"We all have a mechanism within us that allows us to overcome our fears," he says. Your thought or association doesn't have to be real, adds Knight, but could even be a superhero for example.

"If you think about it, the fear isn't real either."

As most fears are learned, overcoming a phobia is often a case of re-learning how to respond appropriately to whatever it is you're frightened of.

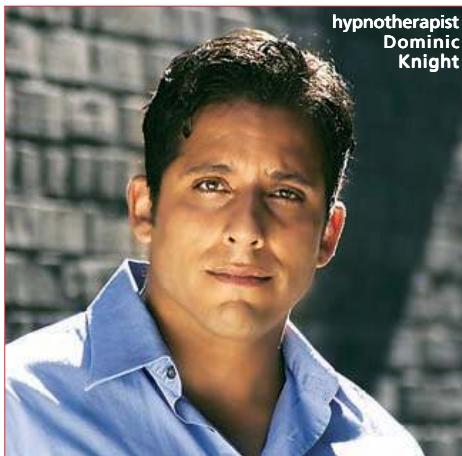
The only fears we're born with, says Knight, are the fear of falling and of loud noises.

Triggers for phobias can sometimes be a bad experience, like being bitten by a dog, or a subconscious association.

Such an association might be a person being frightened of driving on motorways, not realising it's because they once had a very stressful job which involved motorway driving, so they've associated the stress with the



**hypnotherapist  
Dominic  
Knight**



## Monte da Palhagueira Nursing Home



*A charming 18th century reconstructed farmhouse set in 22 acres of ornamental gardens. Spacious rooms all with bath ensuite, satellite t.v. and heating/air-conditioning.*

**Amenities include: swimming pool, putting green, Physiotherapist, hairdresser plus much more.**

*A happy and relaxed environment with caring staff. • British trained medical staff on duty at all times • Short/long term accommodation • Respite care*

Monte da Palhagueira, Gorjões, 8005-488,  
St. Barbara de Nexe, Faro  
289 990900 • email:montedapalhagueira@gmail.com  
www.retirementvillageportugal.co.uk

## Common Phobias

The mental health charity SANE.org lists some of the more common phobias as:

- Spiders (arachnophobia)
- Thunder and lightning (astraphobia)
- Heights (acrophobia)
- Leaving home or entering open spaces (agoraphobia)
- Enclosed or crowded places (claustrophobia)
- Social gatherings or attracting attention (social phobia)

Because your health is of particular importance!

**24 HOURS**  
Emergency / Ambulance

afpop  
FREE CareCard for Members

SGS  
Work directly with most Health Insurance Companies



Info@hpalg.com  
[www.hpalg.com](http://www.hpalg.com)



**Hospital  
Particular  
do Algarve**  
PROPRIETÁRIO: HOSPITALAR

**707 28 28 28**

# The good life

Celebrity hair colourist Jo Hansford, whose clients include Camilla Parker Bowles and Kate Winslett, talks to Gabrielle Fagan about losing her mother and her husband to pancreatic cancer.



## Pancreatic cancer - The facts

- :: The disease kills around 7,000 people every year, according to statistics.
- :: It has the lowest survival rates of any common cancer - 3%: A figure which hasn't improved in 40 years.
- :: It's the UK's fifth biggest cause of cancer death, but receives less than 2% overall funding.
- :: It is unusually aggressive, treatment options are limited, and there is currently no early diagnostic test.
- :: Symptoms are non-specific (most commonly abdominal pain, weight loss, jaundice) and only generally appear when the disease is advanced.
- :: It's estimated that 90% of patients are diagnosed too late for surgery.

Jo Hansford always seems to be in a whirl of activity. As a hair colourist to celebrities such as Liz Hurley, Camilla Parker Bowles, Nigella Lawson, and Kate Winslet she rarely has a spare minute.

It's a hectic pace which she relishes and one that helps her cope with the loss of her husband David - who died nine years ago from pancreatic cancer.

In a cruel coincidence it was the same disease that killed Jo's mother more than three decades earlier.

"To lose both of them from the same cancer was quite awful. I still find it difficult to believe," she says, talking of her loss during Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Week (22-28 November) this year.

"I'm passionate about my job, which is a great help as it distracts me from the grief. But even now I can be in a supermarket and see a couple of our age walking arm in arm, and think that should have been me and David. Moments like that can still make me cry."

The couple first met in Greenford, Middlesex when she was 16 and training to be a hairdresser and he was an estate agent.

She adds: "It was love at first sight. I was very shy, and he was outgoing and he could always inspire me with confidence."

She joined Vidal Sassoon where her talent with colour was soon recognised and celebrities flocked for her services. Her first celebrity client was actor David Hemmings - whose hair she did for the 1966 film Blow Up.

With her husband's encouragement she opened her own salon in 1993. The salon initially had eight employees, but this has grown to more than 40 to-

day. She also has her own range of products.

David became her financial director, the couple had two children and they led a seemingly charmed life until one morning in January 2000.

"We were at a meeting when our daughter Joanna suddenly noticed that David's eyes were yellow. I looked at him and saw his face was yellow as well."

"Immediately, I thought of my mother who'd died when she was 52 in 1965. Her eyes had been yellow - it was the first symptom of the disease."

David was seen by a specialist and had a series of tests - which initially only revealed a swelling of the pancreas.

She says: "I kept telling myself it couldn't be happening. I couldn't lose two people I loved to the same disease."

"The initial diagnosis wasn't conclusive but I knew that jaundice is the most common symptom of pancreatic cancer, along with weight loss, abdominal pain and nausea."

Their children, Joanna, 36, and now managing director of the Jo Hansford salon, Mayfair, and Daniel, 37, a film producer, were present when their father was eventually diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

He underwent three operations and radiotherapy and chemotherapy, but the cancer later spread to his bowel. Eighteen months after his diagnosis he died, aged 60, in 2001.

Jo says: "I really started my grieving process right at the beginning of his illness because in my heart I knew, from my experience with my mother, what the outcome would be."

"But I had to keep that to myself and be positive throughout for his sake and of course the

children's. And half of me was telling myself 'where there's life there's hope' and clinging to straws thinking that in the 35 years since mum had died there must have been new treatments and developments."

"But despite seeing the best specialists and receiving the best treatment nothing could be done."

Jo has been inspired by her own tragedy to work for greater recognition of pancreatic cancer and she's a patron of the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund.

"I'm motivated by not wanting others to suffer like David and my mother did. There needs to be more research focus on this cancer, which doesn't get the attention of other cancers. It only seems to hit the headlines when the sufferer is a celebrity such as Pavarotti or actor Patrick Swayze."

Jo, who is to receive an MBE for her services to hairdressing, says: "David would have been so proud. I feel I will be accepting it on his behalf as well."

"His death has changed my outlook on life as it awakens you to the fragility of life. Now my motto is to 'live every day and make it special' because I know how quickly it can be snatched away."

"And I'm so lucky that I have wonderful children and grandchildren. Time with my loved ones is something I will never take for granted."

:: Information: Jo Hansford is a patron of the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund, which was set up by Maggie Blanks following the death of her husband Alan from the disease in 2003.

[www.pcrf.org.uk](http://www.pcrf.org.uk).

To find out more, visit [www.pancreaticcancerawareness.org](http://www.pancreaticcancerawareness.org).

**DConcept clinics**  
CLÍNICA DENTÁRIA DA BARROCA, LDA.

### We are specialized in:

English, German, Portuguese & French spoken

• Dr. Bruno Dootz  
• Dr. Endre Vari (Orthodontist)

Rua Brigadeiro Costa Franco, Lote 5, Loja D, 8600-533 Lagos  
Tel: 282 763 496 • Fax: 282 767 825 • [Dconceptclinics@clix.pt](mailto:Dconceptclinics@clix.pt)

Are you a resident requiring regular dental treatment?

Implantology  
Cosmetic dentistry  
Crown and bridge work  
Orthodontics  
Oral hygiene

• Dr. Carolyn Ellison  
• Paula Pinheiro (Hygienist)

**BUSY BEE**  
Nursing Services

BRITISH / PORTUGUESE REGISTERED NURSES  
Available to all your nursing requirements  
in the comfort of your own home

FOR FREE ADVICE  
Contact Pauline: 965 742 802  
[busyneurnursing@gmail.com](mailto:busyneurnursing@gmail.com)

**cat**  
centro auditivo  
detavira



YOUR HEARING HEALTH HELPERS

Hearing Tests  
Tympanometry  
Consultations  
Digital Technology  
No Referrals Necessary

- 30 Day Trial Period  
With New Aids  
- 6 Months Supply of Batteries  
With New Aids  
- 2 Year Repair Warranty  
- Trade-In Value  
on Old Hearing Aids  
  
- Customized Hearing Protection  
for Various Occupations & Sports  
- Swimming Plugs for Children  
- Tinnitus Maskers

Tavira  
Praça da República  
no12 2nd floor  
(in front of the Town Hall)  
281 094 116  
913 796 640  
[www.centroauditivo.eu](http://www.centroauditivo.eu)

PROFESSIONAL  
INVESTMENT  
CONSULTANTS

Call Do Eves on 282 357 853,  
282 471 169, 967 095 943

Urb. de São José, Rua Comandante Carvalho Araujo, Lote 25, 8500-692 Portimão

[www.insurance4portugal.com](http://www.insurance4portugal.com)

[www.pic-europe.com](http://www.pic-europe.com)

**Cris Piessens Clinic**  
DENTAL CLINIC  
IMPLANTOLOGY CENTRE



Latest technology - Over 20 years' experience  
THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR DENTAL IMPLANTS

We also offer crowns and bridges PLUS  
the whole range of treatments  
for all the family in our Albufeira clinic.

English • Portuguese  
German • French  
Dutch spoken

SAME-DAY EMERGENCY SERVICE AVAILABLE  
on 966 017 783

Tel: 289 589 080 • [www.crispiessensclinic.com](http://www.crispiessensclinic.com)  
[crispessensclinic@gmail.com](mailto:crispessensclinic@gmail.com)

**Visão Plus**  
VARIFOCUS EXPERT  
ESPECIALISTAS EM VARILUX

Quarteira  
Av. Sá Carneiro / Main Avenue  
Tel: 289301786 / 917822566

New age lenses for indoor/office leisure now available.  
FULL STOCK of NEW Autumn/Winter range.

CLÍNICA DENTÁRIA  
Dr. med. dent. Jutta Meycke

For a healthy and confident smile you can  
call us 24 hours a day!

- 24 hour emergencies
- Denture repair-service
- All dental treatments
- Português, English, German

Urb. Má Partilha Rua Lumiar 5 Lt. 13 Lj.2

8500-074 Portimão - Alvor

282 496 374

[jsmdental@net.novis.pt](mailto:jsmdental@net.novis.pt)



# Santa's little beauty helpers

Lisa Haynes helps you survive the party season with miracle products and tricks to feign beauty sleep.



On the big night you may have been glamour personified: bouncy blow dry, perfect party make-up and false lashes that put Cheryl Cole to shame.

But fast-forward to the morning-after-the-night-before and it's a different story...

Your hair looks like it's been stuck in a tumble dryer cycle, sparkly cosmetics have slid halfway down your face - and over your best frock - and those false lashes now resemble two spiders hanging out on your pillowcase.

A heavy night on the tiles can spell one big beauty hangover the next day.

With the festive party invitations stacking up, it's time to get your rescue routine down to a fine art, so that when that alarm goes off, you can step out of the door looking like the picture of virtue and vitality - no matter how much

sleep you've clocked up.

Check out the post-party pick-me-ups that will fool everyone during the festive season.

## Skin stress

In an ideal world, we'd fling off our party heels and commence on a cleanse, tone and moisturise mission before downing a pint of water.

But let's get real, after a few too many mulled wines and Christmas cocktails, removing shoes might be about your limit.

Keep cleansing wipes at your bedside table ready to erase your party face. You can always remove the glitter and mascara leftovers you've missed in the morning.

"There's a misconception wipes are bad for the skin, they're not," says Bharti Vyas, holistic skincare therapist.

"Wipes actually help remove the dead cells and improve circulation to refine the skin."

"Wrap the wipe around three fingers and use in a circular motion. In the morning, splash your face with cold water to wake the skin."

## Eye sore

If there's one sure-fire giveaway you've had one too many drinks

MAC Fast Response Eye Cream  
[www.maccosmetics.co.uk](http://www.maccosmetics.co.uk)



Showcase offer shown every week in the The Portugal News

**Showcase offer at Senses...**  
This weeks showcase offer is **60% off**  
course of 6 Microdermabrasion treatments for only €132

We will be offering you the chance to receive astonishing discounts every week on one of our treatments. We will be offering a different treatment every week

Senses..Skin Care Centre - Lagos  
tel: 282 762 261  
[info@senses-skincare.com](mailto:info@senses-skincare.com)

**VISIT OUR ENCHANTED SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at O'KIDO Party & Play Centre**

**SATURDAY 11th December from 11H – 18H**

Thousands of Christmas lights, big & beautiful Christmas trees, Christmas music, great gifts and a visit from the man himself: **Santa**

If you are interested in booking a stall please contact Hilde at [okido@sapo.pt](mailto:okido@sapo.pt)  
Price per table € 20

Special Christmas Workshops available on the day and a chance to enjoy live musical performances as well as various culinary delights.

Our spirit of Christmas Bazaar will be the perfect place to shop, eat, drink and socialize!

Sítio das Seixosas, Freguesia de Ferragudo, Lagoa

"This was the kick start I needed, and the best part was the juices were prepared." Alison - Boliqueime

Increased energy whilst losing up to 4kgs (8lbs)

## THE ULTIMATE 3 DAY DETOX PROGRAMME

Cost just 290 euros

\* 2 Colon Hydrotherapy treatments. Algae body wrap to draw out toxins.

\* Healthy, Nutritious Juices and smoothies provided for all your meals over the 3 days.

\* Increased energy. A radiant and healthier you. Your health is worth it!

Professional aftercare information, telephone support. General digestive and wellness advice. All treatments are carried out by a qualified therapist and Registered Nurse



CALL  
282 313 820  
[www.bodyandskincarecentre.com](http://www.bodyandskincarecentre.com)

**Collections**  
LADIES' FASHIONS FROM ALL OVER EUROPE

**Winter Wraps**

**Daphne's Shop, Loule Road, Almancil**  
Friday 10th December  
10 am to 5 pm

**Hotel Belavista, Praia da Luz**  
Monday 13th to THURSDAY 16th December  
10 am to 5 pm

Contact Alison on  
**282 358014**  
or e-mail: [greening@sapo.pt](mailto:greening@sapo.pt)

Shop at Quinta da Praia, Alvor - 282 476 574  
Mon-Fri 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm, Saturday: 10am-1pm

**amazing day spa**  
Living the amazing life...

**Festive Promotions:**

- \* Spa Pedicure With FREE Manicure - €30
- \* Full Body Wax - €40
- \* Mini Facials - €30
- \* Soak Off Gel Nails - €25

Rua Cândido dos Reis, nº107A, Loja 1, 8300-126 Silves  
Tel: 282 098 086  
[www.amazingdayspa.com](http://www.amazingdayspa.com)

**direct**  
**gardeur**

High quality clothing

NEW KNITWEAR NOW IN



One of the largest selections of gardeur ladies clothing in Europe, at unbeatable prices.

BIRKENSTOCK  
shoes for men and women

Monday - Friday: 10am - 6pm  
Saturdays: 10am - 2pm

Rua Direita, Praia da Luz (parking available behind the Store on Rua do Ramalhete) Call 282 788 630 or [www.gardeurdirect.com](http://www.gardeurdirect.com)



Anatomicals Puffy  
The Eye Bag Slayer  
[www.anatomicals.net](http://www.anatomicals.net)

ternatively, pin it around the base to make a large bun."

#### Five-minute face

When the clock's ticking but your reflection is still giving you nightmares on waking up, perfect a micro-second mirror routine.

Look for products containing light-diffusing technology that reflect light away from large pores, uneven skin tone and dreaded dark circles.

"The best morning-after beauty routine starts with your skin," advises Pablo Rodriguez, senior make-up artist at MAC Cosmetics.

"Drink water and hydrate your skin with a product containing calming properties like camomile,

green tea and cucumber to condition it. Then, apply a caffeine-based eye cream to de-puff and moisturise with a product like MAC's Strobe Cream, which reflects the light for an instant glow."

After a night of heavy make-up, let your skin breathe and cut back on cosmetics to shrink your application time.

Rodriguez recommends: "Add a touch of colour to brighten up your complexion using a pink blusher on the apples of your cheeks, a bright lip colour, and curl lashes to open up your eyes."



suffering with a hangover

and way too little sleep, it's your eyes. Sadly those Jackie Onassis-style sunglasses just aren't going to cut it in the workplace.

The bloodshot look, eye bags and dark circles are all tell-tale signs that you've been burning the festive candle at both ends.

Leave an eye-mask in your fridge to diminish puffy eyes for five minutes while you're coming around on your snooze button and use a refreshing eyeroll-on so the cooling effects continue during your commute.

Shahena Ali, founder of The Powder Lounge, says: "To make eyes look less bloodshot and instantly wider, brighter and more sparkly, apply a cream coloured or flesh toned eye pencil to the inner rim of the upper and lower eyelid."

"This is a great shortcut to faking a good night's sleep, creating the illusion of wide awake eyes."

#### Hair scare

Who knows if it's the excessive dancefloor grooving or flirtatious hair flicking but a night of partying appears to result in extremes of either wild or limp locks.

Tackle unruly bed-head knots and back-combing hangovers with a Tangle Teezer brush.

The beer bottle may have been your best friend last night but if you're too time-pushed to lather up your locks, reach for the trusty dry shampoo bottle to revive your tresses.

Nick Malenko from Royston Blythe salon has this advice for faking an uber-polished look:

"To transform limp hair, spray it all over with dry shampoo then tip your head upside down to

help create a high ponytail with body."

"Use tongs or straighteners to create a sleek curl in pony or al-

**Joanna's**  
HAIRDRESSER  
(under new management)

**Unisex Hair & Beauty Salon**

**Call** 289 301 290 or 968878551  
**Open** Mon – Sat 10am to 6pm  
One day a week open till 10pm  
Parque das Amendoeiras  
(Next to Parky's Bar) Vilamoura.  
**Email** nadegebruneau@mail.com

**Opening Promotion**  
10% off treatments



#### Drª Bianca Toebben

Anti-Aging HRT  
Botox-Hyaluronicacid  
Oxygen-Ozon-treatments  
Mesotherapy  
Detox-Rejuvenation  
Permanent-Make-up  
Allergy-testing (hair)  
Veintreatments

Call 914 635 661  
Aldeia de Biscainhas, Lote 14, Alcalar

[www.unifuturo.net](http://www.unifuturo.net)

## KIDS UNIVERSITY

LEONARDO, 7 YEARS

**ENROLMENT OPEN**  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

"My name is Leonardo. I am 7 years old. I learnt at KUNI that thinking is a fantastic thing, but that knowing how to think is even more fantastic."

**PROJECTS LEONARDO DA VINCI AND ALBERT EINSTEIN**

- Classes with maximum 16 pupils
- Trilingual education system
- Interactive boards in all classrooms
- Pupils work with laptops and iPads
- A teacher for each subject
- Philosophy for children, robotics, sculpturing, painting, violin and piano
- Specially developed methodology for reading and writing
- Centre for Gifted Children
- Partnership with the "Institute of Intelligence"
- Partnership with the "Research Centre Augusto Cury"
- Partnership with the "Sport Academy João Moutinho"
- Absent sick children can participate in the lessons from home
- Qualified national and international teaching staff
- Canteen, own kitchen/cooks, daily fresh, biological food, nutritionist
- Psychological and pedagogical coaching and assistance
- Access- and security system

Building the school of the future  
Rua Sidónio Pais, Lote 4  
8500-735 Portimão - Portugal  
[info@unifuturo.net](mailto:info@unifuturo.net)  
telefone 282 423 974

60

LOJAS  
STORES

12

RESTAURANTES  
RESTAURANTS

6

CINEMAS  
CINEMAS

**CONTINENTE**

Centro Comercial • Portimão

**AGEING REVERSAL**  
@ Salão Elysium

**Immediate weight loss**  
without liposuction

**Wrinkle reduction**  
without surgery

**SALÃO ELYSIUM**  
Rua do Brazil • Vilamoura  
Tel: 289 301 768

## ADVERTISING & PUBLICITY

In Algarve count on us to do your advertising in company gifts, radio, and press

**Indácio Alves**  
Marketing, Publicidade & Serviços

Have always offers, to give away" to your clients!

### Umbrellas

since 2,50€ to 2,10€

Includes one side print area 6 x 9 cms

Child multicolor Umbrella since 2,30€ to 1,90€

Waterproof for child since 2,60€ to 2,20€

Includes one side print area 6 x 9 cms

Wind/Rain Protection Since 7,90€ to 7,30€

Sweat-shirts and Polos Ask for prices

For more information or ideas for other articles, contact us

This prices includes printing 1 side/1 color Add postage and 21% VAT

Sales Conditions: 50% with the order + 50% with your layout approval

[www.amelhoropcao.com](http://www.amelhoropcao.com) / [www.inalves.com](http://www.inalves.com)

289 72 10 50 - 968 63 94 68 / [inalves@mail.telepac.pt](mailto:inalves@mail.telepac.pt) • OLHÃO



917 203 850 [design@suzsteinhofel.com](mailto:design@suzsteinhofel.com) [www.suzsteinhofel.com](http://www.suzsteinhofel.com)

We are here to help with all your advertising needs, just call our Sales team on 707 500 677



## BLINDS & WINDOW FILMS

### M2M BLINDS

#### BLINDS & WINDOW FILMS

- Made to measure internal window blind specialists
- Choose from our extensive range of fabrics
- Window film types include Privacy, UV Protection & Solar Protective
- Domestic & Commercial applications
- Covering all Algarve, most of Portugal & into Spain

Call for a free no obligation quotation

Denny 286 518 059 or 932 894 709

[www.m2mblinds.com](http://www.m2mblinds.com) • [m2mblinds@hotmail.com](mailto:m2mblinds@hotmail.com)



## COMPUTERS & OFFICE SUPPLIES

We repair & maintain ANYthing to do with a computer or network

### PC SURGERY



Call our Hotline  
707 940 332



## FLYSCREENS & MOSQUITO CANOPIES



### FLYSCREEN RANGE

- Many Different Flyscreen Types
- Vertical and Horizontal Operation
- Flat and Pleated Screens
- Many Colours of Aluminium to Choose From
- Choose at Home
- We Come to You
- 2 years Guarantee
- Phone Now for a Free No Obligation Quotation

### M2M BLINDS

Contact Denny on 286 518 059 or 932 894 709 or visit [www.m2mblinds.com](http://www.m2mblinds.com) or e-mail [m2mblinds@hotmail.com](mailto:m2mblinds@hotmail.com)

## Books

### ALGARVE BOOK CELLAR



Edifício "O Galeão" Loja 1 & 2  
Rua dos Pescadores  
8400-512 CARVOEIRO LAGOA

Temporary Tel. n°  
282 354 310

Tue - Fri 9.30 - 5.00 Sat: 9.30am - 2.00pm  
[raymond.compton@gmail.com](mailto:raymond.compton@gmail.com)

English Language  
Book Exchange  
Refunds on return  
New books to order  
Audio Books  
C.D.'S Cards  
DVD's

We'll keep your  
company's IT  
systems backed up  
and safe with 24/7  
support by  
Microsoft Certified  
engineers



Ensuring your business IT  
works for YOU

Call 707 500 600 • Kurt Pardon • IT Director

## DENTISTS



### CLÍNICA DENTÁRIA Drª Cristina Fernandes

Médica- Dentista - U.P.  
HEALOZONE

The new method to heal your tooth decay  
Dental Surgeon  
English Spoken  
R. João Menezes N°8R/C  
near the old  
slaughterhouse  
8400 Lagoa  
Tel: 282 34 29 20

## EDUCATION



CLCC  
CENTRE FOR LANGUAGES,  
CULTURE AND COMMUNICATION

### LEARN and get connected

Intensive courses (3 weeks)  
Beginners courses (32 hours)  
Intermediate courses (32 hours)  
Conversation courses (year-long)

Portimão - Jardim Gil Eanes - Tel: 282 430 250 Internet: [www.clcc.pt](http://www.clcc.pt) e-mail: [geral@clcc.pt](mailto:geral@clcc.pt)

recognised by:



## FASHIONS



### WINTER STOCK NOW IN Sizes 12 - 22 available

Open Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm  
3pm to 6pm, Saturday 10 am to 1pm.  
Call Fiona for more information on  
282 312 936. Located on Av do Rio,  
Ed. Almadraba, Loja B, Armação de  
Pêra (Opposite the football ground)

## BLINDS & WINDOW FILMS

We repair & maintain ANYthing to do with a computer or network

### PC SURGERY



Call our Hotline  
707 940 332



## FURNISHINGS

**English Beds in the Algarve** 

**STYLE FURNISHINGS**

Need a good night's sleep?

Monday - Friday 10.30am - 5pm  
Sat 10.30am - 2pm  
Tel/Fax: 282 322291  
Website: [www.stylefurnishings.com](http://www.stylefurnishings.com)

A22 motorway Junction 7  
Portimão • Lagoa • Porches EN125 Style Furnishings 1km • Aqualand Water Park • Alcantarilha

Assembly of Doors and Windows in PVC/Aluminium, Shutters, Mosquito nets, Blinds, Electric blinds, Conservatories.



Tel: 916 184 148 / 969 410 952 • Fax: 282 380 308  
[pvcdirecto@gmail.com](mailto:pvcdirecto@gmail.com)

**PVC Directo**

We double the glazing - Not the price

## GARDENING

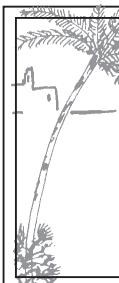
**Norman Groundworks**

For garden planning and construction.

Construction of terraces, patios, paths, driveways, access roads, pergolas, shade areas, ponds, lakes, water features, installation of hedging, fencing, land cleared.

For quotation call Norman now on 282 332 899 or 963 134 129

[ngwl@clix.pt](mailto:ngwl@clix.pt) • [www.landscapingalgarve.com](http://www.landscapingalgarve.com)

**HARVEYS OF LOULÉ**

Garden Construction • Garden & Pool Maintenance • Home Renovations • Repairs & Painting • Villa Maintenance & Cleaning Service

Apt 3, Loulé 8100 - 606  
Tel: 289 412 462 Fax: 289 422 322  
Mob: 916 048 671 email: [harvcord@sapo.pt](mailto:harvcord@sapo.pt)

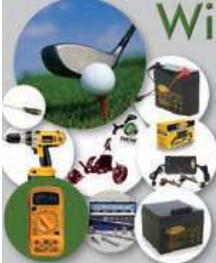
## GOLF ACCESSORIES

**Wired 4 Golf**

**BARRINGTON (BAZ)**

- Sales of New and Used Electric Golf Trolleys.
- Sales of Batteries, PGA tour approved 22Ahr, 26Ahr, 33Ahr
- Service and Repair of Electric Trolleys (most makes)

Phone: (00351) 282 492 713  
Mob: 964 171 294  
E-mail: [sales@wired4golf.co.uk](mailto:sales@wired4golf.co.uk)



## GLASS &amp; WINDOWS

**For all your glass requirements**  
*made to measure...*



**HOME**

EN125 • Sítio do Carmo • Lagoa  
Tel: 282 353 022 • Fax: 282 353 934  
[comercial@home.pt.com](mailto:comercial@home.pt.com)

...shower doors  
...safety glass  
...mirrors  
...table tops  
...windbreakers  
...mosquito screens

**Keep warm with Mister Cool this winter**

**MC** Mister Cool

- Air conditioning
- Refrigeration
- Solar panels
- Maintenance
- Chimney Sweeping across the Algarve from 45€
- Geoff Waller's on site advice and quotation.
- Small building works, servicing and repairs.
- Reconditioned fires.
- Importers of the best in woodburning.
- TEL: 289 489 958 • MOBILE: 967 721 209  
[sales@firesofportugal.com](http://sales@firesofportugal.com) [www.firesofportugal.com](http://www.firesofportugal.com)
- Villager** **Arrow** **fogo montanha**

**Air conditioning by:**

**FUJITSU** **GENERAL**  
**DAIKIN**  
**MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES LTD**

**Solar panels**

**Open Saturday morning**

Telmo Rodrigues  
Mobile: 917 175 818  
Rua Mouzinho de Albuquerque  
- Lagoa Residence 2 - Loja 3  
8400 LAGOA - Algarve • Tel./Fax 282 381 364  
Email: [mistercool\\_telmorodrigues@hotmail.com](mailto:mistercool_telmorodrigues@hotmail.com)

**• Pool Heaters**  
**• Certikin**

Rua Mouzinho de Albuquerque  
- Lagoa Residence 2 - Loja 3  
8400 LAGOA - Algarve • Tel./Fax 282 381 364  
Email: [mistercool\\_telmorodrigues@hotmail.com](mailto:mistercool_telmorodrigues@hotmail.com)

**WOODWARM ALGARVE**

Manufacturers, Suppliers & Installers of superior British-made woodburning stoves.

See our range at  
[www.woodwarmstoves.co.uk](http://www.woodwarmstoves.co.uk)

e-mail [jason@woodwarm-algarve.com](mailto:jason@woodwarm-algarve.com)  
Tel 916 713 026 - 282 444 305  
(between 6pm and 7pm)

**DOMUS ELECTRIC FLOOR HEATING**

The CHEAPEST way to heat your house

NO gas, NO oil, NO maintenance

[www.domus-heating.com](http://www.domus-heating.com)

EN-125 Sítio Benfarras, N° 552-a Boliqueime  
Tel: 289 322 852 • mail [domusheating@mac.com](mailto:domusheating@mac.com)

## MOTORING

**CARS & BOATS****UPHOLSTERY**

Original & Custom-made

**Hoods for Cars**  
Also  
**Soft Furnishing & Upholstery available**



Parque Industrial "O Infante" • Loja 30, Torre • 8600-256 Lagos  
Tel: 282 799 263 • Mob: 918 526 950

**CARROTRONICS**  
Auto Electronic Specialists

KEY & FOB PROGRAMMING  
ECU REMAPPING  
WARNING LIGHT RESET  
AIRBAG CRASH DATA RESET

ECU remapping service - Make fuel savings of up to 20% or increase power up to 35%. Money back guarantee!

Keys, remotes and fobs supplied and coded to your vehicle

Call today

967082962 [info@carrotronics.com](mailto:info@carrotronics.com) • [www.carrotronics.com](http://www.carrotronics.com)

## PAINTING &amp; DECORATING

**TOFTS**

Paul Tofts  
Decorating & Painting

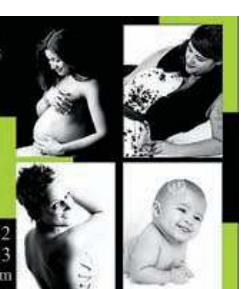
Mob: 918 938 004

After 6pm  
Tel: 289 399 370

## PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO

**Robson studios**

963 649 932  
914 767 833  
[www.robsonstudios.com](http://www.robsonstudios.com)



## Pools



**POOL SAFETY FENCING**  
IS YOUR POOL CHILD SAFE?  
[poolfencing@aol.com](mailto:poolfencing@aol.com)  
Tel: 919 892 518 or 910 666 613

**DROWNING – IT COULD BE A DANGER TO YOUR CHILD!**  
We fit composite fibreglass posts that will not bend or corrode like aluminium posts. These have a LIFETIME WARRANTY. A FULLY REMOVABLE FENCE IN MINUTES



**POOL HEATING**  
Air Energy Heaters - The leader in economical pool heating  

- Digital Control
- Titanium Heat Exchanger
- High Performance - low power consumption
- Est. Over 20 years

**SAFETY FENCING - KEEP KIDS SAFE**



Can be completely removed or replaced within 2 mins.  
 Helps prevent debris from reaching the pool  
 Weather resistant  
 Professionally installed  
 Easy for Adults - Safe for Kids  
 Your child is safe even while you swim  
 Developed over 30 years ago  
 99% transparent 'Securtex' mesh



**PURE POOLS PISCINAS PURAS LDA**  
Tel: 282 760 033 • 919 517 868 • Fax 282 760 034  
[purepools@yahoo.com](mailto:purepools@yahoo.com) • [www.purepools.com](http://www.purepools.com)

**Pool Construction & Renovation**  
Over 10 years in the Algarve constructing concrete pools, offering you strong structures & quality pool designs to suit your budget.  
New to Europe, a shimmering pool finish with brilliant colours guaranteed not to fade.  
Pool looking tired, cracked, tiles falling off, leaking? We can renovate your pool.



**Pool Safety Nets**  

- Black Netting for Ponds, Tanks & Wells
- Easy On and Easy Off
- Pool & Garden ambience maintained

**Pool Safety Fencing**  

- Removable in Minutes
- Convenient access for adults
- Meets French standard NF P 90-306

**Pool Safety Cover**  

- Meets French standard NF P90-308
- Minutes to remove and replace
- Prevents heat loss and keeps kids safe

David & Amanda Mitchell  
Phone or Fax: 282 761116  
Mobile: 913 393 421  
Email: [info@iberiablue.com](mailto:info@iberiablue.com)

[www.iberiablue.com](http://www.iberiablue.com)



**AQUA PURA LDA** SINCE 1989

**POOL COVER SPECIALISTS**  
Installations in 24 hours  
Until 31/12/10 end of year clearance discount 5%

Tel: 282 763 605 • Tlm: 967 025 157  
Eastern Algarve 967 465 305  
[info@aquapura.com.pt](mailto:info@aquapura.com.pt) • [www.aquapura.com.pt](http://www.aquapura.com.pt)

See page 2 for our exact print run this week.

**Pool Covers**  
**Pool Roofing**  
**Heat Pumps**  
**Pool Systems**





**Quality • Variety Service**  
N125, Sítio do Troto, Almancil  
Tel: 289 992 281  
Fax: 289 992 922  
Email: [salagua@salagua.com](mailto:salagua@salagua.com)  
[www.salagua.com](http://www.salagua.com)

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**



**ALGARVE HOLIDAY CENTER**  
Well established rental firm trading since 2002  
Villas and apartments wanted in Carvoeiro and surrounding areas  
Full villa management Services offered

*Our results speak louder than words*  
[www.algarvegetaways.com](http://www.algarvegetaways.com)

For Professional and Effective Management of your Property



Contact us:  
289 586 899  
964 661 165  
[info@getaways.pt](mailto:info@getaways.pt)

[www.theportugalnews.com](http://www.theportugalnews.com)

**PROPERTY SERVICES**



All general Steel Work  
Across the Algarve  
Automated Gates

**GFS Metalworks**



**Blocked Drains? Call: ANDY**

DK

- Camera inspection
- Power jet cleaning for blocked drains
- Root removal
- Fossa emptying
- New systems installed

**DRAIN KING ESGOTO-REI**

drainking8@aol.com

Tel/Fax: 282 471 335 | Mobile 918 647 305



**raiz verde**  
energias renováveis - construção e materiais ecológicos

**Heating & Hot Water with Renewable Energy**

**A New Generation of Heating Economical & Eco Responsible**

- Underfloor / Central Heating
- Hot Water
- Swimming Pool Heating
- Construction Products

Dave Armstrong: 962 076 003  
[dave.armstrong@raizverdeportimao.com.pt](mailto:dave.armstrong@raizverdeportimao.com.pt)  
[www.raizverdeportimao.com.pt](http://www.raizverdeportimao.com.pt)



**Absolutely Flawless**  
Floor Cleaning & Polishing Service.

**Free advice. Free Quotations.**

Call: +351 282 789 904  
912 556 172 or 913 180 667  
Email: [Absolutelyflawless@sapo.pt](mailto:Absolutelyflawless@sapo.pt)

**House renovation, decoration, tiling**  
Kitchens and bathrooms

**Mini-digger Services**  
Land clearance, tree cutting, landscaping  
Fencing, canal & drainage

**Full property Management available**

mob: 969117139/ 917316211  
email: [michaeldickhaut@yahoo.de](mailto:michaeldickhaut@yahoo.de)



The Portugal News has its distribution figures officially audited.  
Call 707 500 677 for details.



**ChemDry**  
Drier. Cleaner. Healthier.  
Algarve

[www.chemdryportugal.com](http://www.chemdryportugal.com)

Professional Cleaning  
Rugs • Carpets • Sofas

Treatment Weather-proofing  
Anti-mites • Anti-Allergy

Cleaning of floors  
Tiles • Mosaics • natural stone

Cleaning & Hygiene  
Retoration of grout colour

Sealing & Protection  
Cleaning & Sealing of Natural Stone





Reach 6 potential clients for just 1 cent  
Call 707 500 677 TODAY

## REMOVALS &amp; STORAGE

**The Algarve Freight Centre** [www.algarvefreight.com](http://www.algarvefreight.com)  
Weekly transport & removal service UK - Algarve - UK  
UK Tel: +44 (0)1268 523029 • Portugal Tel: +351 289396154

removals storage freight Online Shopping  
All major credit cards accepted  
email: [info@algarvefreight.com](mailto:info@algarvefreight.com)

**NEIL & EMILY RICHARDSON**



Removals & Transport \* Packing Service & Storage \* Local, National & U.K. \* With 20 years experience We offer the Personal Touch  
Members of British Portuguese Chamber of Commerce

Mob: 00351 939 486 870, 00351 939 486 807  
Tel: 00351 281 963 191 UK office: 0044 (0) 844 579 6577  
[neilandem@sapo.pt](mailto:neilandem@sapo.pt) • [www.ne-internationalremovals.com](http://www.ne-internationalremovals.com)

**AIM**  
**Removals & Storage**  
On-site secure storage  
Local, National, UK and European removals  
International shipping • Professional packing service  
Call into our office or visit us at [www.aim.com.pt](http://www.aim.com.pt)

Parque Ind. do Infante • Unit 8 • EN 125 • Torre - Odaxere  
Tel: 282 799 141 • Fax: 282 799 146  
Email: [info@aim.com.pt](mailto:info@aim.com.pt)

## REMOVALS &amp; STORAGE

- \* Local, National & European Removals
- \* Scheduled Route - Portugal-UK-Portugal
- \* International Shipping
- \* Storage \* Packing
- \* Long established & professional service

## New Concept International

Armazém 3, Sítio do Além, Almancil.

Tel.: (00351) 289 395 105

UK: 08 450 046 827 Mobile: 968 031 955

Email: [d.wright@mail.telepac.pt](mailto:d.wright@mail.telepac.pt) [www.newconceptint.com](http://www.newconceptint.com)

## SELF STORAGE

- \* Individual locked units
- \* Daily access
- \* Dry and Clean
- \* For homes & business

\* Also storage for cars &amp; caravans etc.

U-STORE  
U-STORE  
U-STORE

Urb. Industrial Marateca, lote 26 - Chiclato - 8600 LAGOS  
Tel / Fax: 282 798 490 - Telem: 917 010 365  
[www.u-store-portugal.com](http://www.u-store-portugal.com) • [info@u-store-portugal.com](mailto:info@u-store-portugal.com)

**ALGARVE REMOVALS**  
Relax, your move is in safe hands.

- \* **Removals:** weekly one box to full or part load service to and from UK and Portugal with optional full or part packing service
- \* **Storage:** warehouses in both the UK & the Algarve
- \* **Shop online:** at main high street stores and have items delivered the following week

Call us now for a FREE quote

UK Tel: 0044 (0)1245 468888  
Mob: 0044 (0)7711 179842  
Algarve Tel: 00351 289 513851  
Mob: 00351 968019226  
Email: [sales@algarveremovals.com](mailto:sales@algarveremovals.com) [www.algarveremovals.com](http://www.algarveremovals.com)



## European Removals



## Your expert team for national and international removals

ALL goods transported  
Storage from A - Z - large depots  
in Portugal and Germany

## BEST SERVICE GUARANTEED!

<b>Germany</b> Philipsstraße 9 D-35576 Wetzlar Tel.: +49 6441 309 29 68/67 Fax: +49 6441 309 29 70	<b>Portugal</b> Cerro do Ouro 8200-468 Paderne Tel.: +351 289 368 880 Fax: +351 289 368 881
--	---

[www.european-umzuege.com](http://www.european-umzuege.com)

The Portugal News is distributed  
NATIONALLY.

Call 707 500 677 for details.

## SATELLITE TV

**Skynet**  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS & AUDIO  
"The Latest Equipment at the Best Prices"  
All Satellites TV ( English, German, Spanish, Dutch, French, Italian, Arabic, Russian TV... )  
Digiboxes ( SD, Sky +, Sky HD, MultiCAM, PCMCIA, Freeview, Freesat HD )  
MultiCards & Much more  
All BBC & ITV + Ch 4 & 5 + News + Movies + Kids + Music + Sports + Many others + Radio  
Get 350 TV channels & 200 Radio stations FREE  
Terrestrial Digital ( Portuguese channels ) FREE  
Cable TV ( Movies + Sports + Knowledge + Kids + News + Series + Adult + Video on Demand )  
VCR, DVD HD, Internet ( Broadband )  
Audio ( Hi-Fi, Background Sound, Home Cinema )  
CCTV, Intercoms, Domotics  
High-quality systems installed by qualified engineers  
Installations and technical support within 24hrs  
( a 3-Year Guarantee )  
Tel: 964890260 Email: [skynet@live.com.pt](mailto:skynet@live.com.pt)

**Sky Realm** Portugals Official FREESAT installers!  
DON'T LOSE YOUR VIEWING AT NIGHT!  
    
Sky Cards arranged  
We correct ALL problems on other companies work!  
ALL AREAS COVERED  
Algarve 918 887 775  
Silver Coast 918 262 108  
Email: [skyrealm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:skyrealm@hotmail.co.uk)

## TV • AUDIO • TEC

## SATELLITE &amp; REPAIR SERVICES

**sky** digital **CANAL DIGITÁL SATELLITE** **ZON** **freesat**

ENQUIRIES • BOOKINGS • HELPLINE

SONY • DENON • LOEWE • YAMAHA

CALL 911 055 134



Satellite TV in the Algarve!

Specialized in English, Dutch and German TV since 1988

Contact us at:  
282 410400

info@TV2029.com

Marc Electronica Almancil  
Av. Duarte Pacheco 51  
8135-104 Almancil

Marc Electronica Portimão  
Sítio do poço seco Armazém 5 & 6  
Cardosas 8500-338, Portimão

## SECURITY



Our Villa Monitor System Lets You Control

- Who gets in and out
- When they have access
- How long they stay

Protecting Your Property with CCTV, Access Control and Intruder Alarms

<http://www.villawatch.eu>

9191 49900

**ONIX SECURITY**  
ONLY UK EQUIPMENT INSTALLED  
ALL TEXT AND DISPLAYS - USER MANUALS IN ENGLISH



Intruder - Fire - Auto-gates - CCTV - Door entry  
SYSTEMS INSTALLED FROM £600  
CALL: 967 926 778 Tel/Fax: 282 782 362  
Email - Sales@Onix-Security.eu or Web [www.onix-security.eu](http://www.onix-security.eu)

## SERVICES OFFERED

**www.portugal-info.net**  
Your source for accommodation in Portugal

looking for accommodation?  
search and compare at [www.portugal-info.net](http://www.portugal-info.net)

Accommodation Properties Golf

Type of Accommodation	Holiday Apartments
Location / Facilities	Beach & Coast
Region	Algarve
Town	Any
Arrival Date	Sep 16 2010
Departure Date	Oct 17 2010
Search	

 Portugal-info  
informing the world about Portugal

## Where to Worship

### Lisbon

**OCEAN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY** - International Spirit-filled Church serving the Linha de Cascais area. Small group bible studies meet regularly. Sunday worship with a contemporary style at the Hotel Saboia, Rua Belmonte, No. 1, Estoril. Tel 21 9282019.

**BAPTIST MISSION - Esgueira (Aveiro)** Traditional Baptist church service in English on Sunday at 5pm. Contact: Pastor David Loop Tel 965-363-986.

**RIVERSIDE INT CHURCH** Contemporary, caring, Christ-centered international and interdenominational Christian church. Sunday 11:00 (Eng-

lish). Centro Comercial S. Pedro, Rua Nunes Santos 21, S. Pedro do Estoril. (Auditorium inside small mall). Crèche and Children's Ministry provided. Church Office in Cascais. For more details: [www.riversideintchurch.com](http://www.riversideintchurch.com)

**THE DOOR** Christian Int. Church Cidade Desportiva, Praçeta Carlos Capitão, Loja "B" Massana / Queluz, Sunday 10:30am & 7:00pm. Pastor Frank Escobar at 21-467-3386 or Mobile 919 088 683

**ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH; LISBON** (Church of England). Av. S.Jorge 6 (north of Estrela Gardens). Service 11:45am every Sunday. Tel. 214 692 303.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ESTORIL** (Church of England). Av. Bombeiros

Voluntários 59 (behind Hotel Sana Estoril). Sunday School. Service 10:00 am every Sunday. Tel. 214 692 303.

**ST. MARY'S, S. PEDRO DO ESTORIL** 368 Rua do Murtal, Mass each Sunday and Holyday 10:15am Tel. 214 673 771

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (PRESBYTERIAN)** Rua Arriaga, 13, Lisbon: Sun. 11:00. Bi-lingual Sunday school & creche is available. Minister's Tel: 218 043 410, [www.standrewsbrisbon.com](http://www.standrewsbrisbon.com)

**CASCAIS INT. CHRISTIAN CHURCH** Av. da Sintra, N° 1154, Cascais (Tel: 214 861 856). Sunday English worship 10:30. An int. evangelical fellowship, nursery provided, children's church programme, mid-week bible studies.

**THE SALVATION ARMY, LISBON** Reboleira Corps (Praçeta Almada Negreiro, Lote 213 Loja Dt do Exército 11 A); Chelas Corps (Rua Rua de Sousa, Lote 65 A loja C); Laranjeiras Corps (Bairro de Laranjeiras). At all these corps: Morning 9.30am Salvation Meeting 5.00pm Pichelaire Corp Rua Capitão Ribeiro, Pichelaire, Lisbon (21 805708).

**LISBON SYNAGOGUE**: Rua Alexandre Herculano 59, Tel 213 931 130 Fax 213 884 304, [celesboa@mail.telepac.pt](http://celesboa@mail.telepac.pt)

**IGREJA BAPTISTA** de Queijas (close to Cascais) Rua Carlos Santos 88, Queijas Near the Olympic Stadium off the A5. Tel: 214 172 087. Sunday Service: English 10:15 Prayer and Bible Study; Thursday 8pm Traditional Baptist Service in English followed by Sunday School.

**JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES** - Public Talk in English, Rua João de Deus, 76. Sintra. (Behind Sintra train station). Sunday 1.30pm. Tel: 214 690 600. Also Rua da Barroca, 122 (Bairro Alto), Lisbon. Sunday 11am. Tel: 213 421 604. (Chinese: Saturday 3pm).

**THE SALVATION ARMY** - Public Talk in English, Rua João de Deus, 76. Sintra. (Behind Sintra train station). Sunday 1.30pm. Tel: 214 690 600. Also Rua da Barroca, 122 (Bairro Alto), Lisbon. Sunday 11am. Tel: 213 421 604. (Chinese: Saturday 3pm).

**INT. CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** Rua Nossa Senhora da Piedade 25, Lisbon. Tel: 213 421 604. (Chinese: Saturday 3pm).

**RESGATE DE VIDA, LAGOS**, Raising up a new generation according to EPH.4 v 11-12. Church with a Brazilian Flavor. Portuguese speaking, Children Welcome. Meeting on Sundays 8pm - 10pm at Rua, Hospital S. José, Lagos. For directions phone Pastors Sidney 963414757 or Anderson 962934005.

**SALVATION ARMY** Service Sundays at 10:45am in Portuguese. Bible studies for children, adolescents and adults in Portuguese starting at 9.30am. Also Rua da Praia, 25 de Abril, nr. 19, São Brás de Alportel.

**ALL NATIONS**, Todas as Nações, All welcome, contemporary worship service and children's club. Carvoeiro Tennis Club, Mato Serrão, Carvoeiro. Sundays 10.30am-12.00pm, Luke and Shelley 913362221.

**EREV SHABAT** - For services Tel: 282 416710.

**JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES** - Public Talk in English. The New Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 25 Largo Engº Sarreia Prado, Portimão (Next door to the University). Sunday 10.30am. School Thursday 7.30pm Tel: 282 485 495. (Chinese: Saturday 4pm) ALSO Sítio de Lagoas, Edifício Space Beautiful, Av. 25 de Abril, Ferreiras Albufeira. (Sunday 10am. School Wednesday 7.45pm Tel: 282 339 372).

**INT. CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** Rua N.S. do Amparo (just off Avda 25 de



**Algarve Blessing**

All Saint's Anglican Church can arrange your Wedding or Marriage Blessing in a superb, if not idyllic setting. We also have special arrangements with a Wedding Planner who can offer superb locations for your Wedding or Blessing Ceremony and celebration, which include a beach setting, beautiful gardens (weather permitting), a Pavilion or Marquee for larger groups. Plus other arrangements including transport, accommodation, catering, photography.

**ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
ALGARVE Holy Communion every Sunday. **Almancil** 10.30am with Adventurers at Almancil Community Centre (ASCA). **Lagoa** 6pm at Lagoa Convent Chapel. [www.allsaintsalgarve.org](http://www.allsaintsalgarve.org) or 282 380 311.

**ST VINCENT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH** C of E. Sundays: 9.30am Igreja N Sra de Fátima, N125 between Quatro Estradas & Almancil, 11.30am St Luke's, Gorjões, 8.00am & 12noon Igreja N Sra da Luz, Praia da Luz, near Lagos 918 824 584. [www.stvincentsalgarve.org](http://www.stvincentsalgarve.org)

**THE SALVATION ARMY** in São Brás de Alportel will hold on the 1st Sunday of each month an International Worship Service at the Salvation Army Citadel in São Brás at 5pm, Rua 25 de Abril, n° 19 (next to the Market).

**INT. CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** Rua N.S. do Amparo (just off Avda 25 de

For more information please call 351 282 380 311 or go to [www.allsaintsalgarve.org](http://www.allsaintsalgarve.org)



**Love came down at Christmas**

**Carol Service**  
ASCA  
Almancil  
Fri Dec 17th 7:00pm

**Carol Service**  
Convento de S. José  
Lagoa  
Sun Dec 19th 6:00pm

**Midnight Mass**  
Convento de S. José  
Lagoa  
Fri Dec 24th 11.30pm

**Christmas Day**  
Service of Holy Communion  
ASCA, Almancil  
Dec 25th 10.00am

No services on Sunday 26th December at Almancil or Lagoa

**ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Directions: Tel 282 380 311  
[www.allsaintsalgarve.org](http://www.allsaintsalgarve.org)

## Advertisers' Hotline

### Building Contractors

#### PROJECT CASA

Almancil  
Tel: 289 391 389

### Exclusive Jewellery

#### LEITÃO & IRMÃO

Jewellers - Lisbon  
Tel: 213 242 700

### Financial Services

#### BLEVINSFRANKS

Tax and private wealth solutions  
Freephone: 800 813 303

#### JYSKE BANK (GIB) LTD

Private Banking  
Tel: +350 606 33322

#### THOUSAND MARKETS LDA

Mortgage brokers  
Tel: 213 866 109

### Health & Beauty

#### CENTRO AUDITIVO DE TAVIRA

Hearing Centre, Tavira  
Tel: 289 090 663 / 913 796 640

#### CRIS PIESSENS DENTAL CLINIC

Albufeira  
Tel: 289 589 080

#### CLÍNICA DENTÁRIA

Dra. Cristina Fernandes (Dental Clinic) Lagoa, Tel: 282 342 920

#### D. CONCEPT CLINIC

Dental Clinic Lagos  
Tel: 282 763 496

#### DENTAL SURGERY

Ma Partilha,  
24/24 call out Tel: 282 496 374

#### MONTE DA PALHAGUEIRA

Retirement Village, St. B. de Nexe  
Tel: 289 990 900

### Heating & Cooling

#### DOMUS HEATING

Underfloor heating, Boliqueime  
Tel: 289 322 852

#### FIRES OF PORTUGAL

Wood burning & Gas Fires  
Tel: 289 489 958

### House Renovations

#### JENSEN PORTUGAL

Boliqueime  
Mob: 964 739 566

### Interiors

#### ALGARVE CURTAINS

Cushions, Bedcovers, Ferragudo  
Tel: 282 493 238 Mob: 964 677 699

#### LUZ DECOR

Interior Decor, Praia da Luz  
Tel: 282 799 849

#### MÓVEIS MALHEIRO

Furnishings, Portimão  
Tel: 282 491 583

#### STYLE FURNISHINGS

English beds, Vale de Lousas  
Tel: 282 322 291

### Landscaping etc

#### HARVEYS OF LOULÉ

Garden Construction, Loulé  
Tel: 289 412 462

#### Q GARDEN

EN125 Odíxere  
Tel: 282 799 633

### Motoring

#### TYRES R US

Repair, service & upholstery, Lagos  
Tel: 282 799 263

### Pets

#### VIP VETERINARY SURGERY

Lagos  
Tel: 282 782 282

#### www.theportugalnews.com

### Caldas da Rainha

#### ANGLICAN EVENING WORSHIP IN

ENGLAND. At 6.00pm on the Second Sunday of each month. Held in the Evangelical Baptist Church, Rua Dr. José Sáudade e Silva 27/29, between

Railway Station and central 'Pingo Doce'. For details phone 262881393.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

Sunday 10.30am. Tel: 226 160 976.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

Sunday 10.30am. Tel: 226 160 976.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

Sunday 10.30am. Tel: 226 160 976.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- Public Talk in English. Praça Don Afonso V, 168.

#### JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

## Announcements

**CANCARE MEETINGS** Have you been affected by Cancer? Members of the women's cancer support group meet for advice or an informal chat on the first Wednesday of every month in Loulé. If you would like to join us, please contact Vi on 289 882 680 or 917962255.



## OKIDO INTERNATIONAL

Kindergarten is now open. Full and part time spaces available for children from 1,5 up to 5 years. Fully qualified and multilingual teachers. Large outside play area. Call or stop by our school to learn more. Tel: 935250645 (Sesmarias near Lagoa) Also Mother & Toddler groups on fridays 10-12h €3

## Natural Therapist

Anyone can be a Non Smoker right now! Just one treatment!! No withdrawal symptoms No nervousness Natural Therapist Marina Aust



Carvoeiro 965667392 or email marina.aust@portugalmail.com



**CHRISTMAS FAIR** in aid of the NECI School. Sat., Dec. 18th, 11am to 5pm at the Mirage Restaurant in Praia da Luz. Stock up on Hand Crafted Items, Christmas Gifts, Cakes, Ketley's Smoked Products & Wendy's Cheese & Pickles. SANTA'S GROTTO will be open for the children, get their picture taken with Santa and a free lucky dip. Come along for some Christmas cheer. For more info, contact 919-117108 From the EN125, turn for Luz at lights opposite Espiche, pass 1st roundabout, take 2nd left, Rua do Ramalhete, follow road all the way until end, Mirage on left hand side, plenty of parking. <http://www.luz-info.com/bars.htm#Mirage>

## Classified Hotline

707 500 646

**CASA - IS** a local social group established over 20 years ago. A friendly group who have a monthly newsletter and at least one activity per month, usually dinners at local venues. We have and annual trip to Spain or within Portugal, plus other activities. Open to everyone. For more information and a sample newsletter give Mary a call on 282 357 275.

## Bureaucracy

**PAPERWORK, TRANSLATIONS** and all your bureaucracy needs dealt with GB / P / D. Sandra Eckert 282314158 or 968427829 or eckert\_sandra@hotmail.com

**TRANSLATIONS-PERSONAL/LEGAL**-English/ Portuguese/English. Many years experience. Tel/Fax: 282 484 776 Mobile: 919 194 319 E-mail: johnrussell72@gmail.com

## Business Opportunities

**LANGLEY HOG**  
Roasts - BBQ or DIY self service Ph. 912 501 752

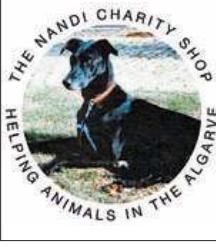
**FREEHOLD BAR FOR SALE - LAGOS CENTRE**  
Fully Licensed, equipped & recently refurbished. Licensed 8:00am-2:00am for drinks & snacks, seats 45. Serious enquiries only. Tel: 913 358 837 e-mail: ange\_duncan@yahoo.co.uk

## Charities

**THE NANDI** Animal Charity/Lagos continues this week to thank people who helped Nandi in the past year. Pedro Rodrigues of XD Print Shop provided beautiful finishing design touches to Nandi publicity. Arminido and

Elena Gonçalves at Mildoces Pastelaria treated the Nandi community with humour and great forbearance on Nandi Quiz Nights and all other occasions.

Thanks also to The Portugal News staff for their assistance. Blessings of the season to all! More next week.



**AYAMONTE ANIMAL** Rescue Fund Raising Craft Fair & Car Boot Sale. Calico Park 0034 959053096.

**CAR BOOT** Sale held every 3rd Sunday of the month at Restaurant 'Quinta dos Areões', adjacent to the Veterinary Clinic in Espiche. Stallholders pay from €3. All proceeds go to Rosco's Charity Association. Call Alfred on 919886955 or contact us on our website [www.roscofoundation.org](http://www.roscofoundation.org) for more information.

**CHARITY SHOP**, Montechoro, Albufeira (behind chemist's) needs volunteers to help in the shop. Please ring Lesley 962 414 584

**WANTED: THE** Donkey Sanctuary needs your unwanted furniture, clothes, books and bric-a-brac for our charity shops in Lagoa and Monte Carvoeiro, all proceeds to aid donkeys in distress. We will collect larger items. Call Nan Richardson 962 633 811, for details of our work for animal welfare. Please help.

**TAVIRA TREASURE** Charity Shop. Tavira Christian Centre, Av. Mateus Teixeira de Azevedo, 61A (Opposite Skippers Bar). Come and browse, come and bring clothing, bric-a-brac, books. Open Wednesdays, 2:30-4:30pm and Saturdays 10:30am - 12:30pm. Phone 917872559/ 913617991 for further details. Volunteers needed so we can open more frequently.

**CHARITY BOOK** Sale & Coffee Morning. 2,000 nearly new paperbacks at 70c. each. All proceeds in aid of The Boy's Home in Faro. Friendly atmosphere in pleasant surroundings. Every Friday from 10:00am to 12 noon, in the Village Hall, Monte da Palhagueira, Gorjões, Sta. Barbara de Nexe. Info. Tel: 289 990 901.

**ALBUFEIRA ABA** Charity shop, 41D Avenida do Ténis, open Tuesday to Saturday 10:30am until 2:00pm (next door to the Galeano Bar) on the road that leads to the Marina, from the dual carriageway. We are an independent charity, using the income from the shop for neutering animals. Please help us by donating items for sale.

**APAA CHARITY** Shops. Cerro Grande, Albufeira, Tuesday to Saturday 10:30am to 2:00pm; Dunas do Alvor, Tuesday to Saturday 10:30am to 2:00pm and Sunday 10:30am to 1:00pm; Rua da Mesquita, Silves, Monday to Saturday 10:00am to 2:00pm. Good quality clothes, bric-a-brac, books, jigsaws, etc. Stock and new volunteers always welcome. Help us to help abandoned dogs and cats.

**DO YOU** have some spare time? Would you like to make new friends and help animals, too? Become a volunteer for the Nandi Animal Charity Shops in Lagos. Most volunteers work one half-day a week. Join us! We are a friendly group and we need you! For more information, call Susan at 918575533.

[www.theportugalnews.com](http://www.theportugalnews.com)

**NEW CHARITY** Shop opened in Guia, situated one way street 3 doors up from Restaurant Atlântico opposite carpark (3 mins from Algarve Shopping turn into Guia at Chicken Roundabout). Open 10:30am to 6:00pm each day except Saturday (10:30am to 1:30pm), closed Sundays. Books, excellent quality new and nearly new clothes for men, women, children and babies, toys, puzzles, bric-abrac, towels, bed linen and many more quality items.

**ASSOCIATION BIANCA**, a registered Portuguese charity that runs an animal shelter near Lisbon (see more on [www.bianca.pt/english](http://www.bianca.pt/english)) invites you to its online charity shop: <http://www.fazendoanimalmefelizes.blogspot.com> You can buy or you can donate. Either way, you are helping to feed 250 dogs and 50 cats.

## Education

**CHILDRENS BOOKS** for sale by Internationally renowned author Julie Hodgson. In English, Portuguese and now on Kindle via Amazon. Come and meet Julie at [www.juliehodgson.com](http://www.juliehodgson.com)

**AFTER SCHOOL** Tuition for children 4-12 years. Experienced Primary School Teacher. Lagos area. Phone 915107751

**ENJOYABLE, EFFECTIVE** Portuguese lessons. Next beginners course starts 17 January. Individual lessons: 2 students together pay for 1. Centro de Línguas de Lagos. Call 282761070. Email [info@centredelinguas.com](mailto:info@centredelinguas.com)

**WRITING CIRCLE** in Lagoa Library with Jenny Grainer starting on October 12th at 10.30 then every 1st Tuesday in the month Tel: 963 518 184 [jennygrainer@sapo.pt](mailto:jennygrainer@sapo.pt)

**ART LESSONS TAVIRA**  
David Haines (Oil Painting) Mal Mudge (Acrylic Embellishing) Where you can enjoy new ideas, new brushstrokes & new friends in a relaxed atmosphere.  
For more details, tel. David - 968290627 or Mal - 962111516

## Entertainment &amp; Leisure

**ALGARVEAN'S EXPERIMENTAL** Theatre Group are active all year and need you as a member. Are you good with a needle or do you like to paint? Happy to go on stage and perform or would you prefer to assist backstage? Young or old join in the fun. Why not take a look at our website? [www.thealgarveans.com](http://www.thealgarveans.com). Want to be part of our group? Ring Pat on 282 695 614 or email [patnlesport@hotmail.com](mailto:patnlesport@hotmail.com)

**LIVE MUSIC** / karaoke / disco. Private parties or regular gigs. Christmas and New year coming up. Book now to avoid disappointment. Any occasion. For more info call Stewart on 914 805 600.

**4 SEASONS** Country Club membership for sale. No reasonable offer refused. For details email to [sales@stratton.co.uk](mailto:sales@stratton.co.uk)

## CIRCO PEQUENO PARTIES &amp; EVENTS ENTERTAINMENT

Bouncy castles, shows, jugglers, workshops, face painting, etc.

[tim@gomez.net](mailto:tim@gomez.net)  
[www.circopequeno.com](http://www.circopequeno.com)  
Tlm 916622976

## Fashion &amp; Beauty



## THE FITTING ROOM

Pre-owned Quality Ladies Wear  
1st Floor, Indoor Market, Ayamonte.  
0034 690 817 770  
[thefittingroom1@hotmail.com](mailto:thefittingroom1@hotmail.com)

## BEAUTYLICIOUS SKIN

ITEC Qualified Anti-Ageing Specialist  
NON SURGICAL FACE LIFTS  
Mobile 919 706 219  
[beautylicious@sapo.pt](mailto:beautylicious@sapo.pt)

## saskia BEAUTY SALON

**DECEMBER CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**  
\*Full Facial Treatment  
\*Double Eye care Treatment  
\*Manicure  
For 45 euro  
Telf. 919034677  
[www.saskia-beautysalon.com](http://www.saskia-beautysalon.com)

## FROM BEACH TO BAR.

LOOK STUNNING IN THE EASY TO WEAR "SWIMOVER" FROM €25.00

**djacob** @sapo.pt  
Tel:289367863

## For Sale Private



**CHRISTMAS TREE** Fancy dress costume with hat brand new in original packaging never used. €9 Tel 282380315

## FOR SALE

- Stainless steel cutting machine with metal Diamond tip disk (Wurth): €1,300
- Metal cutting machine (Matabo): €150
- Ban saw, three phase: €2,500
- MIG welding machine (monophase): €550
- MIG welding machine, with aluminium welding torch (three phase) Wurth: €3,500
- Bench drill with movable head and angle finding base: €600
- TIG welding machine: €2,000
- Arc welding machine: €500
- Big grinder: €130
- 5xsmall grinders: €250
- Battery operated grinder (2 batteries): €220
- 2x cordless drill (18V Wurth): €250
- Cordless concrete drill (Wurth): €400
- 2x electrical concrete drills (Wurth): €220 each
- Contact: Elmando Francisco - Portimão 961 386 805 or send an E-mail to: [elmando@matriloic.com](mailto:elmando@matriloic.com)

VIEW THESE PAGES FREE [WWW.THEPORTUGALNEWS.COM](http://WWW.THEPORTUGALNEWS.COM)

**COLLECTION OF** sealed liquor bottles mainly whisky for sale. Sets cannot be sold separately. Tel. 915347708

**DOORS, WINDOWS,** furniture, curtains, bathrooms, log burning fire, all for sale from 4 bed villa, barely used. Everything Must Go!!!! Call Jon: 919490180

**MAKITA 18V** Cordless Hammer Drill/Driver +2 Batteries 1.3 ah, Unused Boxed. €250 Call 927570521

**HOOVER CLOTHES** dryer. Bought new last year only used for 6 months. 245€, please call 915868265.

**100 EUROS** o.n.o. as new including cot bumper set. Tel: 916 643 236

**2nd Hand DOORS & WINDOWS** - as new! - Windows - 50 euros each Doors - 75 euros each  
\* 2 Sliding windows - 1400mmx1000mm  
\* Sliding window - 1500mmx1000mm  
\* Tilt window - 1460mmx1040mm  
\* 2 Sliding doors - 1500mmx2020mm  
966 382 378 or email kota1sonia@hotmail.com

## Health & Beauty

**AVON PRODUCTS**, 20% off all products in stock during December. C.A.R.D.S. Shop in Lagos, Rua Moinho da Azeite.

**NATURAL SOAPS** Wide selection for sale. For details contact info@portugaltipico.com

**BODYWORX BEAUTY** & Fitness Offering fitness activities, slimming, facials, manicures, pedicures, waxing, spray tanning and massage. Salon & mobile services available. For an appointment call Debbie on 916745500

**BEAUTY THERAPIST:** Facials, Massage, Eyelash /Eyebrow Tinting, Waxing, Manicure/ Pedicure Paraffin Treatments. Tavira 965421998/ 913101979

**RECLINING ARMCHAIR** oatmeal tweed cost €476 excellent condition. Accept €200 Mobile: 916785773

## Heating & Cooling

**PENGUIN PENGUINAIRCON.COM**  
Air Conditioning  
Solar Heating  
Installation & Servicing

**SERVICE HOTLINE:** 910 100 111  
Tel: 289 092 595 Fax: 289 392 660  
Email: info@penguinaircon.com

**AIR CON.** Heating & Cooling, Daikin, Sanyo, Sharp, Haier, contact Paul Whitworth Tlm 917812325

**DOMUS**  
ELECTRIC FLOOR HEATING

**The CHEAPEST way to heat your house**  
**NO gas, NO oil, NO maintenance**

[www.domus-heating.com](http://www.domus-heating.com)  
EN-125 Sítio Benfarras,  
Nº 552-a Boliqueime  
Tel: 289 322 852  
domusheating@mac.com

## Home Improvements

**MASTERJOINER**  
Carpenter- General Maintenance 20yrs+ fitting Kitchens, Doors, Locks, Decking etc Quality reliable service.  
926615244-281328648 masterjoiner@hotmail.co.uk



**CHRISTMAS BARGAIN!**  
X-Display kitchen, wood door & carcass, handles, plinth, laminated worktop, chimney, gas hob, oven, 1.5 bowl sink & tap.  
All for €1950.00 euros.  
Tel: 282-342062

## Legal, Finance & Insurance

**Motor Insurance from €155 for UK and Portuguese cars**

*Fast, friendly response. Get your quote TODAY!*  
**800 813 639** or 916 481 687  
[www.abbeygateinsure.com](http://www.abbeygateinsure.com)

**Abbeygate**  
The way insurance should be.

## Office, Media & Technology

**ALGARVE COMPUTER** Solutions. English Desktops & Laptops, Repairs. Upgrades and Tuition at your home. Tel: 282471148-962598966 [www.algarvecomputer.solutions.com](http://www.algarvecomputer.solutions.com)

**Classified Hotline**  
**707 500 646**

## COMPUTER TECHNICIAN

Qualified professional with over 20 years experience.

Trouble shooter, upgrade recommendations, tuition and networking. Hardware and software resale available. Wireless specialist. IT integration on building construction projects.

Tel: 282 094 093 / 918 411 488 or 962 719 488 marcuscanedo@hotmail.com



**BlueChipIT**  
Ensuring your business IT works for YOU

Call 707 940 337  
Kurt Pardon  
IT Director

## World Telecom PC Surgery



Your one stop surgery for PC's Macs and laptops



A name you can trust  
See our main advert

## Personal

**Explorers & Climbers**  
Mother & toddler group meets every Thursday at 10am- 12.15pm.

  
Crafts, songs and lots of fun ... Where? Lagoa Christian Fellowship hall, Vale de Lousas, EN125, Alcantarilha. Refreshments available. Contact Laura for more details on 914 393 935.

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS -

Algarve. WEEKLY MEETINGS: Mon.: Portimão 7.30pm. Tues.: Almancil 1.00pm; Almancil 6.30pm (Men's meeting); Albufeira 8.00pm. Wed.: Almancil 7.30pm. Thurs.: Pêra 7.30pm, Tel: 919 005 590; Tavira 7.30pm, Tel: 919 005 590; Almancil 1.00pm; Portimão 7.30pm. Sat.: Almancil 5.30pm. Call 919 005 590, 10.00-7.30pm. Portuguese AA 917 483 478. GSO Lisbon AA Tel: 217 162 969. We look forward to seeing you there.

**MESSINES, AMOROSA.** New townhouse. Suit professional couple, 3beds 2baths 425€ per month . Tel. 919384663.

**LONG TERM** apartment in Carvoeiro area, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, large lounge, large terrace and communal pool. Contact 967334364

## Mums & Tots



Tuesdays 10.00am -12.00 Meet friends, coffee, fun, playing, puppets. ICC Church Hall, Lagos. For further details on location of Church and Sunday services (with Kids Klub) & other activities and available courses at International Community Church, see web site [www.icc-lagos.org](http://www.icc-lagos.org) or call 282 697 546 or 282 086 804.

## Pets

**LOGICAL PET** and House Sitting by Vet Nurse 917758404 [www.animalalgarve.com](http://www.animalalgarve.com) logical.pet@gmail.com

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PET?**  
I currently rescue kittens & cats, puppies & dogs; maybe I have your future companion.  
Call Valérie  
(Donkey Sanctuary)  
913 860 865  
or 282 342 823.  
lili10.evann@yahoo.fr

## Pools & Gardens



\* Pruning \* Felling  
\* Brush Chipper Hire  
\* Stump Grinding  
\* UK qualified arborists  
\* 20 years experience

Tel.: 917 479 921  
[www.algarvetreeservices.com](http://www.algarvetreeservices.com)

## Property Agents



Property management, rental & maintenance in the Western Algarve.

Tel: 282 764 103  
Mob: 915 229 993  
[www.vilaia.com](http://www.vilaia.com)  
Office: Iberlagos, Bloco J, Loja 8, Lagos

## Property for Rent

**ALENTEJO ALCÁCER** two villas V4 and V2 in large property €700 and €350/month respectively. Garden, air conditioning. Fully or partially furnished +351969035173

**MESSINES, AMOROSA.** New townhouse. Suit professional couple, 3beds 2baths 425€ per month . Tel. 919384663.

**LONG TERM** apartment in Carvoeiro area, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, large lounge, large terrace and communal pool. Contact 967334364

**PRAIA DA LUZ**-3 bedroom, 2 bathroom house for long term rent. Front/rear gardens, lovely views, €600 per month. Tel. 914765966, email [pmsingleton@gmail.com](mailto:pmsingleton@gmail.com)

**LONG TERM** rental properties, 2 bed, available in Vilamoura for details please contact info@silverholidays.com

**MONTE JUDEU** spacious 3bed villa, furnished. Solar panel hot water, Log burning fire, pool. 650€ per calendar month. Telephone: 282471450 Mobile: 914381423

**LONG OR** short let 3bed town house Torre near Armação de Pera with pool €550 tel. 915348582

**T2 APARTMENT** Lagoa centre, 146 sqm, 120,000 euros onto Tlm 917812325

**MESSINES, AMOROSA.** New open plan townhouse 2/3 Bedrooms ideal for professional couple. Bargain at €130,000 Tel. 919384663 . [www.algarvepropertyfinder.org](http://www.algarvepropertyfinder.org) The site with many **APARTMENTS AND VILLAS** for sale

**UNIQUE PENTHOUSE**, Portimão centre, direct sale, 110m2 covered, 2 balconies 47m2. Exclusive use of a balcony 18.5m2. Panoramic views of the river and city. View by appointment. Tel. 282416710 / 968440416. E-mail: Ralf.Pinto@sapo.pt.

## WELL LOCATED APARTMENT IN LAGOA

Top floor T3 on the outskirts of Lagoa, with views across the fields, while being a stone's throw from all facilities.

Situated in a pretty, landscaped cul-de-sac, light and spacious lounge, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen and 2 balconies. Private Sale P.O.A. Call 933 308 800 or email: [mail@infiniteinspire.com](mailto:mail@infiniteinspire.com)



Place your advert on-line and receive a 10% DISCOUNT



Two Bedroom Townhouse - Praia da Luz €195,500  
[WWW.VILAS.COM](http://WWW.VILAS.COM)



**OFFERS IN ALMANCIL CENTRE €99,000**  
For a two bedroomed flat with 2 balconies, pantry, laundry & parking.  
**WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY T2 under construction can choose finishings €145,000**  
**MORE LUXURIOUS T3 with fireplace €149,000**

If you want to see details of this and many more properties plus hundreds of photos, visit our page [www.johnhillproperties.com](http://www.johnhillproperties.com)  
Contact John Hill Real Estate, Av. 5 de Outubro, No 20, 8135-101 Almancil. Tel: 289 395 610 Fax: 289 397 212 Mobile: 917 238 517 Email: [info@johnhillproperties.com](mailto:info@johnhillproperties.com) AMI 576

To place a classified call our Classified Hotline on 707 500 646

## Property Management

**GETAWAYS PROPERTY SERVICES** Professional property management - 964 661 165. info@getaways.pt / www.getaways.pt



## Property Services & Building

**LEAKING ROOF** & terrace problems solved. 20 years experience in Algarve. Call 913223402

**BUILDING WORKS**, all types and sizes carried out to a very high standard. 22 years experience in Algarve. Shoreland Properties Lda Tel. 913223402 or 282763000

**NONPLUSULTRALDA.** Property Management and Holiday Rentals in the Western Algarve. Professional and Reliable Service according to your needs. We are looking for Holiday Villas with Pool for our International Clients. Tel./Fax: 0035128764771 info@nonplusultralda.com www.nonplusultralda.com

## Windows & Doors

MADE IN GERMANY  
5 YRS GUARANTEE  
FREE ESTIMATE  
FRIENDLY ADVICE  
MOST LANGUAGES

Rudolf Stöhr  
Tel. 283 925 007  
Telm. 933 836 999  
r.stoehr@algarve.de

To all  
advertisers  
placing ads  
ONLINE

Please ensure you have spaces between words; if not, we reserve the right to charge you the difference.

**PURE CLEAN**  
Window Cleaners.  
Dirty windows you  
cannot reach? Problem  
solved - from ground  
floor up to 15mtrs. high,  
no scaffold or ladders  
used. Perfect results  
every time at an afford-  
able price. Domestic &  
commercial.  
Call now for a free  
quotation Tel. 916591423  
E-mail:  
pureclean.lagos@gmail.com

## PAINTER & DECORATOR.

Clean, quick, reliable.  
Professional service at  
competitive price.

### INTERIOR & EXTERIOR

Tel: 914 245 464 (Port)  
914 122 898 (Eng)  
freequotepainting@  
hotmail.com

## ARE YOU AN EX-SPEEDFRAME CLIENT?

No need to worry about maintenance and service. Experienced ex-Speed Frame technicians with wide knowledge of this product available. Frames need a brief and inexpensive six monthly maintenance check to keep them working smoothly. Speed Frame is no longer in business in Portugal, but we can perform most repair and maintenance tasks. We can obtain many original parts, if needed to replace a window or door, we can obtain units of a matching design.

Call us for quick and efficient service at reasonable prices  
969 410 952  
916 184 148



ADD MORE CLOUT TO YOUR ADVERT BY ADDING A PICTURE

Colour picture €15  
Black and white €10

[www.theportugalnews.com](http://www.theportugalnews.com)



0800WorldHosting.com  
DOMAINS, HOSTING,  
E-Mails, Web Design,  
IT Support and more...  
Tel: 96 400 488 2 E-mail:  
info@0800worldhosting.com

To place a  
classified call our  
**Classified Hotline on**  
**707 500 646**  
[www.theportugalnews.com](http://www.theportugalnews.com)

## Property Wanted

ALL TYPES of properties wanted across the Algarve for clients looking to purchase. Contact Touchelle 918864444 or email enquiries@algarvevillamarketing.com

Add a photo to your  
advert for more impact:

B & W, 4cm wide €10  
Colour, 4cm wide €15

Classified Hotline  
on **707 500 646**

## Removals & Storage

**REMOVAL LORRY** Leaving UK for Portugal next few weeks. Space available both ways, inc. cars. Nick 934491320 nicktelling@gmail.com

**SK TRANSPORT** removals UK-Portugal - UK. Can transport pets. Large vans available. Quality service. Contact Kev on 00447764764317, [www.sktransportremovals.co.uk](http://www.sktransportremovals.co.uk)

**MAN WITH** van Santarém Tomar Coimbra Area regular UK trips call Bill 914576584 249382335 billjude@hotmail.com

**2 MAN&VAN.** Light haulage. Cheap rates. Inc: IKEA pickups. Tel. 925541182 davisstephen@hotmail.co.uk

**Phoenix Transport.**  
UK/Portugal/UK.  
Local & international  
and Silver Coast.  
Door-to-door service.  
Removals & Storage.  
Also transport  
cats & dogs.  
16 years Algarve.  
Call 966 187 812  
or 967 225 357  
or UK 0044 1482 213757  
valalvor@yahoo.co.uk

[www.theportugalnews.com](http://www.theportugalnews.com)

## 40 FOOT CONTAINER

### UK - ALGARVE - UK

Depots in Warrington (UK)  
and Loulé (Portugal)

\*SHIPPING- Every two weeks from both Algarve and UK.

\*PRESENT CLIENT BASE-  
Retailers, Exporters/Importers, Self  
Builds, Second Home Owners

\*SAFETY- Container remains sealed from depatch to arrival.

\*INSURANCE- Full Goods in Transit (£250,000.00) included.

\*STORAGE- Free for the first 14 days in both countries

\*PACKING- Service available.

\*EXPERIENCED STAFF- 25 Full time employees with many years experience. No sub contractors!!

\*COST- £50 per m<sup>3</sup> (allowance of 25kg per m<sup>3</sup>) Please call for a quote on heavier items.

The safest most cost efficient way of moving goods between UK and Portugal.

Please call Malcolm 910 410 410 (Portugal) or Michael 0044 7966 930 554 (UK) or 0044 1942 728 844 [www.deliveryportugal.co.uk](http://www.deliveryportugal.co.uk) [www.north-westcouriers.co.uk](http://www.north-westcouriers.co.uk)

## Satellite

### TAVIRA SATELLITE TV

Services. BBC, ITV, 4,5 etc.

+Sky digital. New systems, upgrades and repairs (channels missing/ breaking up etc.)

Experienced technician

Tel. 964-721-714

[www.trevortronix.com](http://www.trevortronix.com)

## ELECTROSOL SISTEMAS PARABOLICAS

For all your satellite system needs plus much more

Tel.: 282 357 843

## Services Offered

### SEWING MACHINE REPAIRS

all makes

## USED MACHINES For sale €50

Also new machines

E-mail:  
[markburgau@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:markburgau@yahoo.co.uk)  
912 681 544 - 282 695 594

## HANDYMAN SERVICE

All jobs considered, tiling, painting, plumbing, paving, drylining, general household and garden maintenance. Tel: Rob 962973923 (English) Lagoa.

**3 TON MINI** digger and driver for hire, dumper truck available, all types of fencing supplied and fitted. Tel Neill 969417625, 282330640

**ELECTRICIAN** ALL work undertaken, rental certificates, upgrades, certiel registered. Contact Paul Whitworth Tlm 917812325

**MAN WITH** Van, local and international removals inc pets. House clearances. Hourly rates. Firewood delivered Nick 934491320 nicktelling@gmail.com

**ENGLISH PLUMBER** boilers pumps filters no call out charge 916767680

**ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS**, Single-/Three-Phase, will be solved fast and reliable. 24 hour service - 289991140 - 913034036

**MAN WITH** LWB van, Óbidos Silver Coast. Collections, Deliveries, trips to Ikea etc. Local, Lisbon, Portugal, UK. Contact 913752867 milesphillips@sapo.pt

Add a photo to your  
advert for more  
impact:

B & W, 4cm wide €10  
Colour, 4cm wide €15

VIEW THESE  
PAGES FREE

www.theportugalnews.com

**GENERAL HANDYMAN**  
All jobs considered  
Competitive prices  
Tel: 918 256 556

Place ads on-line at  
[www.theportugalnews.com](http://www.theportugalnews.com)  
and get a 10%  
DISCOUNT



**Sherry's Seashells**  
Hand decorated  
wedding accessories  
and gifts.  
[sherrysesashells@world.net.pt](mailto:sherrysesashells@world.net.pt)  
Tel. 912759461



To place a classified, call our **Classified Hotline on**  
**707 500 646**  
Add a photo for more impact:  
B & White photo,  
4cm wide €10  
Colour photo,  
4cm wide €15



**KOCK FENCING LDA.**  
For Gates, Grills,  
All types of  
Steelwork,  
Erection of  
All kinds of  
Fencing. Since  
1994 -  
Tel:  
932 868 804  
or  
938 515 589

## Travel

## Park &amp; Fly

Park simply and safely

Call (+351) 914 929 901  
info@parkandflyfaro.com  
www.parkandflyfaro.com

## Portugal News Travel Page

Skyscanner  
Airline Links  
Travel news  
Live arrivals & departures from  
Faro and 19 major airports  
www.theportugalnews.comTo place a classified, call our Classified Hotline on  
707 500 646  
Add a photo for more impact:  
B & White photo, 4cm wide €10  
Colour photo, 4cm wide €15

## Vehicles

**WANTED FOREIGN** or Port. reg. good or scrap cars, jeeps, vans, motorcycles, boats, motor-homes, trailers. Non runners, accident damaged, impounded, with or no docs. Cash. 962484215 - scrapcarsfaro@gmail.com**RENAULT EXPRESS**, 04.1992, petrol, 127000KM, for sale at 995 Euros in Aljezur. English oder Deutsch spoken, Klaus at 914481060**SUZUKI GRANDE** Vitara, blue, 2002, 3dr, petrol, €5000. Tel: 282973258, 917685562.**CITROEN BERLINGO** 1.9D Multispace, 2000 UK Registered, RHD, excellent condition, tow pack, €1595.00 Tel: 917016170**FIAT STRADA** Pick Up 1.90 diesel 2001. Full service, with MOT. €3.500 o.n.o. Tel: 965 034 258**Honda CBR600F**, 02/1997, black, 53.500km, 599cc, 110cv, Full Power exhaust, excellent condition; belongs to US serviceman deployed to Afghanistan. ONLY €2.250. Contact: 919319683

Call 707 500 646

## FRENCH PYRENEES

Holiday accommodation in the village of Lasseube, near Oloron Ste Marie and Pau.

Super views and accommodation €50 per couple per night B&amp;B.

Dinner by arrangement.

Write:  
M. and R. Ingram,  
Côte Blanche,  
64290 Lasseube, France. Phone: +33 559 042 548.[www.theportugalnews.com](http://www.theportugalnews.com)

## Classified Order Form

## COMPILE

- Announcements
- Bureaucracy
- Bus. Opportunities
- Charities
- Education
- Entertainment
- For Sale Private
- Health and Beauty
- Heating and Cooling
- Home Improvements
- Jobs Offered
- Jobs Wanted
- Legal, Finance & Ins.
- Marine
- Miscellaneous
- Office, Media & Tech.
- Personal
- Pets
- Pools & Gardens
- Property Agents
- Property for Rent
- Property for Sale
- Property Services & Building
- Property Wanted
- Removals and Storage
- Retail
- Satellite
- Services Offered
- Travel
- Vehicles
- Wanted

## CALCULATE

Per word €0.50 ..... € .....  
 Boxed ad €4 extra ..... € .....  
 Boxed ad (red line) €6 extra ..... € .....  
 Box number €4 extra ..... € .....  
 Photo 4cm wide €10 extra ..... € .....  
 Photo 4cm wide Colour €15 extra ..... € .....  
**Subtotal** ..... € .....  
 x N° of Editions .....  
**TOTAL** ..... € .....

All prices include VAT

## CONDITIONS

Ads must reach us by 11am on **Tuesdays**.  
 Prices shown are for copy to be set to our type specifications. Minimum of ten words per advert.  
 Phone numbers and post codes count as one word.  
 We reserve the right, without giving reasons, to decline any advertisement.  
 In the case of an advertisement being repeated, the advertiser undertakes to advise **The Portugal News** of any error immediately after the first insertion.

**NEW !! Place your classified online - and save 10%**  
**You can now place your classified adverts DIRECT ONLINE at**  
**[www.theportugalnews.com/ads/](http://www.theportugalnews.com/ads/)**  
**You will be able to choose from simple lineage ads, boxed ads, photo ads,**  
**and preview your classified before placing it. And it really IS simple!**

## Dec &amp; Jan Focus on Fashion &amp; Beauty

If your activities involve Fashion &amp; Beauty, you can place a free classified ad in

The Portugal News in December &amp; January

Ads can only be placed by email and should not exceed 15 words. Pictures can be also be included, but only one free ad per advertiser may be submitted.

Ads may only appear once.

email your ad to [classads@theportugalnews.com](mailto:classads@theportugalnews.com)Insert your Fashion & Beauty ad  
**FREE OF CHARGE**  
during the months of December & January

## Wanted

Every day 100 people start to lose their sight.  
Your support helps rebuild lives devastated by sight loss.The Sunshine Fund for Blind Children (RNIB) need all your **NEW AND USED STAMPS**, which are sold to raise much-needed funds.If you would like to help, post your stamps to:  
*The Portugal News*, Apartado 13, 8401-901, Lagoa. (and we will forward them on)**OR**  
RNIB, 20 Bowers Rd, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 5PZ, England.

Tel.: +44 01268 565 646

[terri@rnibstamps.org.uk](http://terri@rnibstamps.org.uk)[www.rnibstamps.org.uk](http://www.rnibstamps.org.uk)

I enclose payment in the sum of € .....  
 by cheque payable to ANGLOPRESS  
 in cash  
 Please debit my VISA credit card account:  
 Nº  CREDIT CARDS ONLY  
 Expiry Date  Plus the security digits (the last 3 digits on the reverse of your card)

Name Address Tel  Fax 

## PLACE

**By Post:** Apt 13 • 8401-901 Lagoa  
**By Fax:** 282 341 201  
**By Phone:** 707 500 646  
**By email:** [classads@theportugalnews.com](mailto:classads@theportugalnews.com)

# Celebrating Christmas in Spain

Eloise Walton

If you're looking to make a change to the usual Christmas ritual, you may be tempted to head over the border and experience the festivities in Costa de la Luz, but beware, these may not be what you expect.

Winter celebrations start early in Spain with the religious public holiday of the Immaculate Conception on 8 December and culminate on the day of the Three Kings 'Los Reyes Magos' on 6 January.

Throughout this festive period, visitors can expect to see life size nativity scenes called 'Belén' (Spanish for Bethlehem) on display in public squares. In some places there are living 'Beléns' where whole areas are taken over with people acting out this event.

If you happen to see a television in Spain on 22 December, you will most likely watch the world-renowned national lottery draw 'El Gordo', meaning 'The Fat One', where school children from the St. Ildefonso schools sing out the numbers.

This is the most traditional draw in Spain, and it is a tradition

that everyone in the country plays the lottery on 22 December. Last year, each Spaniard spent an average amount of €73 in the draw that pays out prizes immediately and which are tax-free for life.

Expat Kevin Allder who runs a restaurant in Isla Canela told **The Portugal News**: "Christmas itself is a very family orientated and religious affair in Spain, so visitors will find that many things are closed during the day and the streets are very quiet."

Fellow expat Carol McAuley, who has lived in Spain for more than three years and runs a bar near Ayamonte spent her first Christmas in the country last year.

"It's very different to the UK, the atmosphere is different. Christmas is much more low key in Spain, with the focus being spending time with the family" she said.

After Christmas, the Spanish celebrate Holy Innocent's day on 28 December, which is similar to April Fools, so visitors are warned to be on their guard, especially in Costa de la Luz where many locals take pleasure in involving tourists in the celebrations.

Following this, New Years is similar to anywhere else in Europe, with festive gatherings and fireworks being the main attraction. Visitors will almost certainly however be handed 12 grapes to eat on the 12 chimes of midnight, a common Spanish practise to ensure good luck in the New Year.

According to Mr. Allder, the evening of 5 January however is definitely worth crossing the border for, as each town hosts a "colourful religious parade, featuring the Three Kings who throw sweets into the streets."

Traditionally children across Spain only receive their presents at midnight on 5 January or the morning of 6 January as Jesus did from the Three Kings. This means that for shoppers though, sales only start on 7 January as people buy gifts right up until the last minute.

"Spain is starting to celebrate Christmas more nowadays, but the biggest celebration is on the night of 5 January,



Typical Spanish Christmas nougat

**Jag's** BISTRO - BAR

Modern Mediterranean & Indian Cuisine  
Costa Esuri

Calle Lopez de Ayala,53  
Costa Esuri  
Ayamonte, Spain  
Tel: (0034) 959053617

**Map:** River Guadiana, Golf Club, Commercial Centre, Costa Esuri, Portugal, Spain, Ayamonte, E49/IPS

**Café bar Lotita**

Café Bar Lotita is situated in Plaza La Lota opposite the marina in Ayamonte  
Open every day.

Come and join our friendly staff and relax in the comfortable lounge or sit on the terrace. Toasties, burgers & freshly filled baguettes served until 6pm. Chill out in the evening with a glass of wine, a cocktail or one of our beers.

Visit Lotita and experience the difference !

All major sporting events shown. **ESPN** **SKY SPORTS**

**Bella Napoli**  
Restaurant Italiano & Pizzeria  
Centro Comercial Marina Punta del Moral  
Happy Days are here!! Busting the Crisis!!

**Large Beer €2 - Small Beer €1**  
**Glass of Red, White, Rosado wine €2**  
**Sangria €3**

**A La Carte Specials**  
Pizzas - Pastas - Argentinian Steak - Ribs - Roast Chicken - Prawns - Scallops - NZ Mussels - Whole Fish of the Day - Seafood Platters

10 minutes from Ayamonte on the beach  
Takeaway Food Available

**Live Music – Vernon Delauney**  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Day Traditional Luncheon**

**New Year's Eve**  
**6 Course Gala Dinner**  
**Cabaret & Live Music**

**Weekly Shows & Live Music Functions & Christmas Parties**

[www.jagsbistro.com](http://www.jagsbistro.com)

**Food Cooked With Passion !**

**Cyndi's Bar**  
Centro Commercial – Isla Canela Marina  
Ayamonte

**Xmas Party**  
15th December – 14:30

**3 course lunch**  
Santa, DJ and Live Entertainment  
€15.00 per person

Booking necessary  
call (0034) 637 012 745 to reserve places

**ANDALUSIAN**  
Freshly prepared good quality international cuisine, specializing in English, Spanish & Portuguese dishes.

- Open 6 days a week (Closed Thursday)
- Daytime menu & Tapas available from 12:00
- A la carte menu and daily specials available from 19:00
- Traditional Sunday Lunch served 13:00–16:00
- Take away dishes also available

**Annual Andalusian Christmas Meal**  
Sunday 12th December - 19:30  
4 courses - traditional fare — €17.50 Book early to avoid disappointment

Spanish Lessons every Monday 12:00  
Mosaic Classes every Friday 11:15  
English Book Swap  
SKY Sports  
Free WiFi

The Andalusian Bar & Restaurant  
Avda de la Playa 13, Isla Canela, Spain  
Tel: (0034) 959 477 154

## Olhanense make Benfica fight all the way

Christopher Wright

Only Académica, under the leadership of former Olhanense manager Jorge Costa, has left the Stadium of Light with anything to show for their efforts this season.

The game with Olhanense was to be no exception although up to the fortieth minute the visitors were well in the game. Manager Dáuto Faquirá was without centre-back Mauricio, back home in Brazil to visit his sick father, and the influential Víncius, out through injury.

Mixer partnered Jardel at the back with Carlos Fernandes, Cadu and Fernando Alexandre filling the midfield positions. Paulo Sérgio, who has had an excellent season and could be on his way to Sevilha in January, was in sparkling form. The visitors caused the home defence plenty of problems in the opening half, with Roberto having to save well from Jorge Gonçalves to prevent the Algarveans from going in front. At the other end of the pitch Olhanense goalkeeper Moretto had an unhappy return to his former club as he gifted them their opening goal just before half-time.

Osar Cardozo headed towards goal from a Maxi Pereira cross, but the ball was aimed straight at Moretto. After appearing to gather the ball, the keeper somehow let it slip under his body and trickle agonisingly over the line.

Shortly after the break Paulo Sérgio scored what looked like a perfectly good goal only for his celebrations to be cut short as the assistant referee raised his flag for offside.

A decision that was to alter the course of the game.

From then on Benfica rarely looked in danger of surrendering

the lead. With ten minutes of the match remaining Carlos Martins took a corner, David Luiz flicked the ball on to the near post and striker Saviola nipped in at the far post to head home. The Paraguayan Cardozo, who scored a hat-trick in the corresponding game last season, and the Argentinian Saviola have, between them, made 73 appearances for their countries which highlights the difference in perceived levels of quality.

Benfica's playing budget is €40 million whilst the Algarve side has the lowest in the league at €1.4 million. Olhanense, still without an away win this season, have dropped to tenth place.

They will be looking to return to winning ways, their last league win was against V. Setubal in early October, when they entertain Nacional (Madeira) on 19 December. Central defender Jardel was disappointed with the outcome and regrets the lack of goals by the Algarve side in the first half. "We had plenty of possession in the first twenty minutes, the best chances were ours but we did not score" said he Brazilian player.

Only a hundred of the expected 1,500 fans made the journey to the Stadium of Light. Benfica inexplicably announced they would be charging €17.50 - normally €10 for visiting supporters to encourage a good turnout - for the game against Olhanense.

The majority of fans joined the boycott and stayed at home to watch the game on TV.

The small group of fans who did make the trip included 46 of the Gorilla Group who, on arrival at the Stadium, were kept in their coach for over an hour.

## Iberian disappointment as FIFA picks Russia

Portugal will have to wait a while longer to co-host a World Cup after Russia FIFA President Joseph Blatter announced the honour of staging the 2018 tournament would be given to Russia.



Prime Minister José Sócrates and Luís Figo on their arrival in Zurich on 2 December to present the Iberian candidacy for World Cup 2018. (Photo: Lusa / Ricardo Oliveira)

## Expat fans featured on tv

Portuguese television company TVi have screened a fifteen minute documentary on the expat fans who support Olhanense.

The football community in Portugal find it hard to understand why so many expat fans, there are now over 200 registered, support a small town team when

so many locals are Benfica or Sporting Lisbon followers.

Football is the catalyst for the group who enjoy a real cultural experience as they mix with Portuguese, English, Irish, Belgian, German, Scottish, Canadian and American fans. Olhanense is a real family club with players,

management and supporters showing mutual respect while enjoying experiences that have forged friendships that will last a lifetime. The TV cameras started to roll the day before the big game as the expats donned the club shirts and tracksuits before jogging out on to the pitch.

Five 'takes' later, some were wilting from their exertions, and the director was satisfied. Another part of the fifteen minute epic production was in the can! Two days of filming and it will be interesting to see the finished product which will be posted on YouTube after its national premiere.

### Delectable with Chef's Table

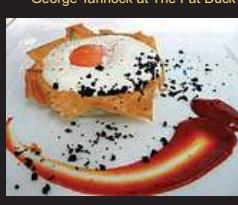
Planning an exclusive dinner party and wish to celebrate in style, or just need a good excuse to eat exceptional food?

Chef George will create and cook a unique menu to your desires in the comfort of your own home.

With restaurant experience of combined eight Michelin stars, together with working as a private chef for one of the world's wealthiest families, Chef George will provide a memorable meal for you and your guests.

To avoid disappointment please enquire soon as only limited dates are available.

Contact now for more information: Tel: 935 587 378  
[www.chefstablealgarve.com](http://www.chefstablealgarve.com)



Slow cooked egg yolk with ricotta foam in a lemon filo basket and smoked red pepper purée



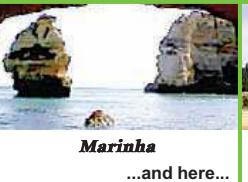
**BETO**  
FITNESSCLUB

• ginásio body combat • body pump • rpm • localizada • staff simpático e dedicado  
• acompanhamento constante • banho turco • zona de lounge

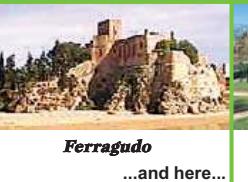
[www.betofitnessclub.com](http://www.betofitnessclub.com) 282 419 950



Carvoeiro  
We have properties here...



Marinha  
...and here...



Ferragudo  
...and here...



Silves  
...and here...

All properties on web site  
Carvoeiro: 282 354 165  
Silves: 282 441 237  
Lagoa/Poço Partido: 282 352 100  
[www.algarve-palm.com](http://www.algarve-palm.com)

AMI 6105